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DUAL MISSION COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

Dual mission institutions proudly offer an intentional blend of liberal arts programs and hands-on career skills training under one roof, generally through a mix of undergraduate offerings ranging from bachelor's and associate degrees to specialized certificates.

These institutions may be either public or private, but are generally open access and significantly more affordable than other colleges and universities. Dual mission institutions typically offer streamlined pathways for students, nimble operational structures, and close-knit community and workforce partnerships. Because of their "hybrid" nature, they may also not "fit" well in traditional Carnegie or other post-secondary classification systems.

There are an estimated 400 colleges and universities that qualify or operate as dual mission institutions in the states of Arkansas, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, North Dakota, Utah, Vermont, Wisconsin and beyond.

[Read the November 2, 2023 Dual Mission Summit & ACE Collaboration Update](#)

2024 National Dual Mission Summit

The fifth-annual National Dual Mission Summit will take place in 2024. Details are still pending, but please plan to join us for this important gathering of higher education leaders discussing the future of the Dual Mission movement.

The 2022 National Dual Mission Summit

In November 2022, more than 150 people from across the country gathered at Colorado Mountain College in Glenwood Springs, Colorado for the fourth annual National Dual Mission Summit.

Watch videos of Plenary and Keynote sessions:

- [Opening session – Higher Education, Disrupted](#)
- [Where does the Dual Mission Institution Fit in the Carnegie Classification System?](#)
- [Student Panel – How Dual Mission Institutions Have Enhanced the Learner Experience](#)
- [How can Policy Shape and Support the Dual Mission Model?](#)
- [Dual Mission Plenary: The Educational Equity Agenda and Promise of Dual Mission Institutions](#)
- [Why Philanthropic Leaders Invest in New Models in Postsecondary Education](#)



2022 National Dual Mission Summit Schedule / Agenda

See what was discussed at the 2022 National Dual Mission Summit.

[Schedule / Agenda](#)

Recent media coverage about dual mission institutions

The dual mission model has been featured in several leading publications and conference panels examining the future of higher education:

2023

- [The Atlantic](#)
- [Higher Ed Dive](#)
- [Vail Daily News](#)

2022

- [Aspen Ideas Festival](#)
- [ACE Annual Meeting](#)
- [Regent's Roundtable](#)
- [Work in Progress](#)
- [Glenwood Springs Post Independent](#)

2021

- [Inside Higher Ed](#)
- [Forbes](#)

2019

- [Higher Ed Dive](#)

2018

- [US News and World Report](#)

In a recent [Inside Higher Ed](#) guest column, **Jamie Merisotis**, president of Lumina Foundation and Dr. Carrie Besnette Hauser, president & CEO of Colorado Mountain College succinctly framed the role that dual mission institutions fulfill:

"...a key strength in the dual mission approach [is] meeting today's increasingly diverse students where they are. That's especially important right now because these students – adults, parents, workers, people of color and those from lower-income households – rarely earn a 'two-year' degree in two years or a 'four-year' degree in four years – underscoring dated nomenclature and structures designed decades ago for an entirely different student profile."

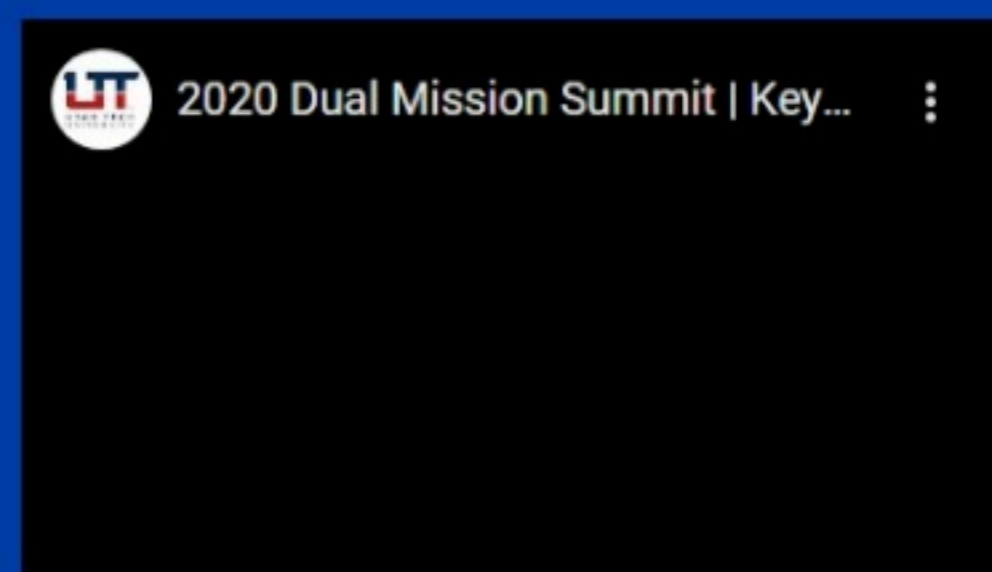
Past Conferences

2020 Dual Mission Virtual Summit

DiDee State University / November 16 – 17, 2020

[2020 Dual Mission Virtual Summit Website](#)

► **Keynote Presentation & Presidential Panel** featuring Jamie Merisotis, President and CEO of Lumina Foundation. Following Merisotis's presentation, hear from Presidents Hauser, Mortensen, Tuminez, Williams and Dr. Hanna on the role and importance of the dual-mission model in higher education.



Dual Mission Summit 2019

Weber State University / October 7, 2019

[2019 Dual Mission Summit Resources](#)

[2019 Dual Mission Summit Featured Guests](#)

[Recording of the 2019 Dual-Mission Summit: Luncheon Keynote: 2:31; Dinner Keynote Panel: 5:50.](#)

2018 National Summit on Dual Mission Institutions in Higher Education

Utah Valley University / May 16 – 17, 2018

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