# Amarillo College No Excuses
## Culture of Caring Poverty Summit

**Monday, May 20th – Institutional Transformation Focus**

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<td>Welcome and Opening Remarks by Dr. Russell Lowery-Hart, AC President</td>
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<td>Keynote Address by Dr. Sara Goldrick-Rab, The Hope Center</td>
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<td>Tours of Amarillo College Washington St. Campus</td>
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<td>Noon ~ 1:30 pm</td>
<td>Lunch with AC Students in the Amarillo Art Museum</td>
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**BREAKOUT SESSIONS:**

- **Creating a Culture of Caring** led by Dr. Russell Lowery-Hart (session is for Presidents & Vice Presidents)
  - CUB Badger Corner Room
- **Building Your ARC** led by Jordan Herrera, Director of Social Services
  - Dutton Building Room 101
- **Integrating Data Analytics into Academic & Non-Academic Support Systems** led by Collin Witherspoon, Executive Director of Decision Analytics; Dr. Tamara Clunis, Vice President of Academic Affairs; and, Cara Crowley, Vice President of Strategic Initiatives
  - Dutton Building Room 105

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<td>Wrap-up with Dr. Russell Lowery-Hart</td>
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<td>Amarillo Sod Poodles Game Night: Left Field Party Patio (Dinner will be provided)</td>
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**Tuesday, May 21 – Learning Transformation Focus**

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**BREAKOUT SESSIONS:**

- **Reforming Academic Systems with an 8-week Model**
  - led by Dr. Tamara Clunis; Ernesto Olmos, Director of Advising; and Collin Witherspoon
  - Dutton Building Room 105
11:00 am ~ 12:30 pm Lunch with AC Faculty in the Oeschger Family Mall (*weather permitting*)

**BREAKOUT SESSIONS:**

- **Mastering the Schedule for an 8-week Model (Yearlong Student Planning Approaches)** led by Frank Sobey and Ernesto Olmos
  - CUB Badger Corner Room

- **Engaging Faculty in Professional Development for a 8-week Model** led by Dr. Tamara Clunis and Becky Burton, Dean of Academic Outreach
  - CUB Palo Duro Room

- **Developing Your Systemic Approach to Addressing Poverty Barriers (Question & Answers)** with Dr. Russell Lowery-Hart; Cara Crowley; Collin Witherspoon; and, Jordan Herrera
  - CUB Oak Room

2:30 ~ 2:45 pm **BREAK**

2:45 ~ 3:30 pm Team Time to Finalize Plan

3:30 ~ 5:00 pm Wrap-Up and Team Declarations

**FACILITATED TEAM TIME – ROOM ASSIGNMENTS**

**Del Mar College**
- Dutton Hall
- Room 105
- Teams Led by Dr. Russell Lowery-Hart:
  - Fort Worth Catholic Charities
  - Pierce College
  - St. Petersburg College
  - Trellis Foundation
  - West Texas A&M University

**Greater Texas Foundation**
- CUB
- Badger Corner
- Teams Led by Dr. Tamara Clunis:
  - Alvin College
  - Odessa College
  - Northeast Wisconsin Technical College
  - McLennan Community College
  - Palo Alto College
Teams Led by Denese Skinner:

- Bellevue College
- El Paso Community College
- Dallas County Community College
- Our Lady of the Lake University

Teams Led by Bob Austin:

- Borough of Manhattan Community College/CUNY
- Chattanooga State Community College
- Harper College
- Lone Star College
- San Jacinto College
- Trinity Valley Community College

Teams Led by Cara Crowley:

- Achieving the Dream
- Cuyahoga Community College
- Columbus State Community College
- Mountain Empire Community College
- Weatherford College
- Western Technical College

Teams Led by Frank Sobey:

- Hocking College
- Panola College
- Texas State Technical College
- Temple College
- Virginia Community College System

Teams Led by Becky Burton:

- Howard College
- Navarro College
- Northern New Mexico College
- Pima Community College
- Texas Southmost College
- Tulsa Community College

Wednesday, May 22 – Poverty Certification

8:30 ~ 9:00 am   Continental Breakfast

9:00 am ~ 5:00 pm   Poverty Certification with Dr. Donna Beegle
                      Communication Across Barriers

Civic Center
Regency Room B
Poverty Informed Practice In Higher Education

Wednesday, May 22, 2019
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Amarillo College
College Union Building

It is difficult and rare for a student from poverty to make it to college. If they do make it, only 11 percent leave with a degree and/or certificate. For a student from the Foster Care system, that number drops to less than three percent. These numbers tell us that poverty impacts do not stop once students arrive on campus. Students continue to be bombarded daily with struggles such as having no place to live, no food to eat, cars being towed, lights being shut out, family members in crisis, and so many other injuries of poverty.

What can colleges do to remove poverty obstacles to education success? As Amarillo College learned in 2011, it begins by becoming poverty informed. Dr. Beegle has worked extensively with Amarillo College, Dr. Russell Lowery-Hart (a Beegle Certified Poverty Coach since May 2011) and the Amarillo Community (since 2010) to ensure poverty barriers to higher education are being removed. Today, the focus on removing poverty obstacles at Amarillo College is even stronger. Dr. Beegle has certified 82 Beegle Poverty Coaches who work daily at Amarillo College to remove any barrier that can be removed.

When students from poverty make it through the education system, they rarely cite a program. More often, they cite people who believed in them, people who taught them that they have knowledge and skills to contribute to their learning, people who do not judge them, and people who connect them to others who can remove poverty obstacles and provide access to opportunities. Amarillo College—as well as other poverty-informed campuses—have discovered that the foundation to breaking poverty barriers is poverty-informed people on our campuses and in our communities.

In this interactive session, Dr. Donna M. Beegle—who was born into generational, migrant labor poverty—provides insights into how your campus can become poverty informed and shares evidence-based best practices for what works to remove poverty barriers. During this session, she outlines a strategic procedure for the systemic changes needed to ensure that students from poverty succeed.

In this session, participants will explore the answers to the following questions:

• What does being a poverty informed campus mean?
• How do we create a campus that is ready for students who live in the crisis of poverty?
• What are the elements of an inclusive, responsive college campus?
• What are five evidence-based best practices for removing poverty barriers to education success?
• What are the key strategies to strengthen community partnerships to alleviate poverty barriers to education?
About Dr. Donna M. Beegle, National Poverty Expert

After growing up in generational migrant-labor poverty, leaving school at 15 to get married, and having two children while continuing to cope with poverty, Donna Beegle found herself—at 25—with no husband, little education, and no job skills. She landed at Mt. Hood Community College and obtained her GED. Then, within 10 short years, she earned her Doctorate in Educational Leadership. Dr. Beegle’s research focused on success strategies for educating students from the deepest poverty in America. Her lived experiences along with 30 years of working in all 50 states, provide groundbreaking tools for creating colleges that work for students who live in the crisis of poverty.

Dr. Beegle, a Princeton Fellow, serves as president of Communication Across Barriers, a consulting firm dedicated to building poverty-informed communities that are armed with tools to break barriers. Dr. Beegle works with students in poverty, as well as all professionals who want to make a difference for those living in the crisis of poverty. For over 30 years, Dr. Beegle’s work has spread word of mouth to all 50 states and six countries. Dr. Beegle is also the founder of the Opportunity Community/Opportunity College Model which provides the foundation for a contemporary war on poverty. Dr. Beegle knows first hand that education is the ticket out of poverty. She is honored to work and ensure all campuses are poverty informed and aligning with students to remove poverty barriers to education success.

Following this training, participants are welcome to register for the first-ever Beegle Poverty Immersion and Coaching Institutes that is targeted to creating poverty-informed colleges. This Institute will be offered August 12-16, 2019 in Amarillo, TX. Teams of five or more are also invited to inquire for a group discount.