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“We’ve Got Next!”: Kean University as a Public Urban Anchor Institution for Innovation, Transformation, and Sustainable Impact

Dr. Ernest Boyer, a former university president and the former President of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, once asked, “What exactly is the role of a Public Research University?” His answer, “...The academy must become a more vigorous partner in the search for answers to our most pressing social, civic, economic, and moral problems, and must affirm its historic commitment to the scholarship of engagement.” As Kean University advances its transition to an “urban- focused” R2 university, it must also ask and answer the seminal question posed by Dr. Boyer and develop its infrastructure and architecture for engaged scholarship, academically based service learning and community service, and authentic and mutually beneficial community engagement. This seminar explores how Kean University leverages its wide-ranging education, research, economic and service capabilities to emerge as a statewide urban anchor institution providing research- based solutions and best practices that will have a sustainable and measurable long- term impact on New Jersey’s urban communities.



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Dr. Joseph Youngblood, II, has over twenty years of higher education experience in academic affairs and e-learning, public affairs and external relations, international programs and partnerships, innovation, diversity and inclusion, and university advancement. Prior to joining Kean University, Dr. Youngblood served as Vice Provost and Founding Dean at Thomas Edison State University (NJ) where he conceptualized and launched The Watson School of Public Service and Continuing Studies as New Jersey's first inter-professional school of public service devoted to building capacity within the public sector and providing career training, professional certifications and academic degrees to public sector professionals. A key achievement in his time at the University was his leadership in the design and implementation of the University's new Continuing and Professional Studies portfolio and the development and growth of public service degree programs including the #2 Nationally Ranked Online Master's Program in Homeland Security. Dr. Youngblood is recognized as an international thought leader on the role of higher education institutions as transformational agents and levers for sustainable change in communities.

