A Call to Action

The Opportunity Gap and What We Can Do About It: Unrealized Potential from K-20 to Work

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Barriers to Success

Agency

Resources

Documentation

Social Capital

System Knowledge
Class of 2016

1 Million
Did not Graduate

1 Million
More did not enroll in Post Secondary Education

College Students

7 Million
are working in low wage jobs

2 Million
More will face being homeless

Current Workforce

37 Million
have some College but No Degree

Skills Gap
Cause I Ain't Got a Pencil
by Joshua T. Dickerson

I woke myself up
Because we ain't got an alarm clock
Dug in the dirty clothes basket,
Cause ain't nobody washed my uniform
Brushed my hair and teeth in the dark,
Cause the lights ain't on
Even got my baby sister ready,
Cause my mama wasn't home.
Got us both to school on time,
To eat us a good breakfast.
Then when I got to class the teacher fussed
Cause I ain't got a pencil.
Breaking Down the Barriers

- Close Aspiration Gaps
- Credit for What You Know
- Verified Digital Portfolio
- System Knowledge

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Competency > Seat Time

Verified Digital Portfolio

Competency is the new Currency

Open Source
State of Credentials

- Competency is the new currency
- New money charts new courses
- Standards build the connective tissue
- Learner mobility provokes widespread activity
- Business models evolve slowly
Open Badges 2.0
Competencies and Academic Standards Exchange (CASE) 1.0

CASE Provider

CASE Consumer

Competencies, Academic Standards, + Rubrics

Course/Framework Relationships
Blockchain Technology

Basic change to business processes

Traditional

With Blockchain

... Inefficient, expensive, vulnerable

... Consensus, provenance, immutability, finality

Digitally signed, encrypted transactions & ledger

All parties have same replica of the ledger
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