



Credential Engine Welcomes Two New Board Members

August 12, 2021 (Washington, D.C.)—Credential Engine is welcoming two renowned leaders to its Board of Directors: Tanya Wallace-Gobern and Ted Mitchell. Wallace-Gobern and Mitchell bring unmatched expertise in the areas of labor and education, respectively. With their addition, Credential Engine's Board of Directors has 10 members spanning various sectors including education, labor, and policy.

Eleni Papadakis, Chair of Credential Engine's Board of Directors, stated: "We are very excited to have Ted and Tanya join us. Their added voices and perspectives will be valuable additions to our Boardroom. I have full confidence they will help us continue to guide Credential Engine's mission forward."

Tanya Wallace-Gobern brings over 20 years of experience in labor and community organizing. She became the Executive Director of the National Black Worker Center (NBWC) in June 2016. As Executive Director, Tanya lives out her lifelong passion while executing the mission of empowering Black workers to advance their rights and improve the quality of jobs in key employment sectors. Tanya convenes a network of membership-based, member-driven local Black worker centers that utilize a combination of leadership development, organizing, policy advocacy, and strategic communications to build power to address the Black job crisis. Aggravated by the low number of African Americans among staff and union leadership, Tanya also created the AFL-CIO's Historical Black College Recruitment program to increase the number of Black union leaders and staff members. Her professional experience includes organizing with UNITE HERE (formerly the Union of Needle trades, Textiles and Industrial Employees) AFL-CIO and the Association of Flight Attendants.

Ms. Wallace-Gobern has an advanced knowledge of community and political structures. She is a graduate of the Harvard Business School Executive Leadership program and her opinions and contributions have been featured in Fast Company, Ebony magazine, The Los Angeles Times, Blavity.com, Inequity.org, and on ABC Nightly News.

"I am happy to be able to provide vision and guidance for an organization like Credential Engine," shared Tanya Wallace-Gobern. "I think their work is very timely and can have significant implications for equity and the prosperity of workers. The opportunity to be closely involved in their work is important, and I look forward to meeting that responsibility."

Ted Mitchell is the president of the American Council on Education (ACE), the coordinating body for higher education institutions in the United States. ACE's work encompasses policy advocacy; program development; and research focusing on equity, access, and student achievement. Mitchell's leadership of ACE and of the nation's higher education sector is informed by a lifetime of work in higher education as a professor, dean, college president, trustee, and most recently as U.S. Under Secretary of Education in the Obama administration.

Mitchell also has deep experience in K–12 education, having served as CEO of the NewSchools Venture Fund—a venture philanthropy investing in K–12 innovation to support low-income students, schools, and communities—and as the president of the California State Board of Education.

“I am a strong believer in Credential Engine’s vision and mission and the good it will bring. We all know the power of data and information, but our current data infrastructure does not equitably empower enough people to advance and succeed. I am excited for the opportunity to help Credential Engine bring greater transparency to credentials and education pathways,” said Ted Mitchell.

If you have questions about Credential Engine, its board, or the contents of this release, please email scheney@credentialengine.org.

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