



Credential Engine Welcomes Kathleen deLaski as New Board Member

October 13, 2022 (Washington, D.C.) - Credential Engine welcomes Education Design Lab (The Lab) Founder and Chair, Kathleen deLaski to its Board of Directors. As a social entrepreneur who has launched/co-launched four non-profits related to improving the quality of education for non-elite students, deLaski is deeply invested and involved in the education sector and bridging equity gaps. With this addition, Credential Engine's Board of Directors comprises members spanning education, workforce, human resources, labor, and policy.

Barbara Gellman-Danley, Chair of the Board, stated: "We are excited to have Kathleen join us, she will bring a new voice and perspective to the Board. With her previous work with Credential Engine, Kathleen brings a deep understanding of the organization's goals and will assist in leading the mission forward."

In addition to the four non-profits deLaski has helped co-found or found, she serves as president of the deLaski Family Foundation, a lead grantmaker in education reform and new pathways to the middle class. She also founded and served as board chair for EdFuel, a national non-profit working to build a diverse talent leadership pipeline for K-12 education. Previously, Kathleen created Sallie Mae's award-winning college access foundation, co-founded Building Hope, a charter school facilities financing non-profit, and helped Michelle Rhee create StudentsFirst, a national advocacy movement to improve school options and quality. She also spent five years at America Online where she developed the first interactive tools to engage the public online in elections and the political process and helped the biggest news organizations create digital brands.

"Having Kathleen join our Board is a great addition" says Credential Engine's CEO, Scott Cheney. "Her deep expertise and experience in the education sector, especially around the topic of equity, will provide us with a new lens to view how we do our work. We are excited to welcome Kathleen to our boardroom."

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

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About Credential Engine: Credential Engine is a non-profit whose mission is to map the credential landscape with clear and consistent information, fueling the creation of resources that empower people to find the pathways that are best for them. Credential Engine's Credential Transparency Description Language (CTDL) is the clear standard for richly describing credentials, competency, quality, outcome, pathway, and other essential information as linked, open, interoperable data on the semantic web. Learn more about Credential Engine at www.credentialengine.org.

