

## Keynote Speaker

**Pamela Tate, President and CEO, Council for Adult & Experiential Learning (CAEL)**



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Pamela Tate is nationally and internationally recognized for her work in facilitating workforce education and training programs among educational institutions, business, labor and government and for her efforts in assisting colleges and universities to develop systems of Prior Learning Assessment and quality assurance in adult learning programs. Tate has been directly involved with the design and implementation of CAEL's tuition assistance management and workforce learning programs since 1986 when CAEL designed the PATHWAYS program for U S WEST Communications and the Communications Workers of America. As a presenter, she is regularly sought out for her vision and insights into adult learning and workforce development and their vital relationship to the future of the economy. She graduated from the University of Illinois at Champaign with masters' degrees in both English and Journalism. She completed her doctoral coursework at the Annenberg School of Communications, University of Pennsylvania. In 1996, Tate was acknowledged for a career devoted to expanding lifelong educational opportunities for adults with the Doctor of Humane Letters honoris causa, conferred by SUNY Empire State College, Saratoga Springs, New York. In 2005, Tate was recognized for her lifelong contributions to the field of adult learning and workforce development with the Doctor of Humane Letters honoris causa, conferred by the School for New Learning of DePaul University.