SPEAKERS

U.S. Senator Chris Murphy (CT) is the junior United States Senator for Connecticut. He has dedicated his career to public service as an advocate for Connecticut families. Senator Murphy has been a strong voice in the Senate fighting for job creation, affordable healthcare, education, sensible gun laws, and a forward-looking foreign policy. As a member of the Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee (HELP) Senator Murphy has worked to make college more affordable and ensure that our public education system works to serve all students. Senator Murphy also led a bipartisan effort to reform our mental health system, working across the aisle to craft the first comprehensive mental health bill in the Senate in decades. He is a graduate of UConn Law and the author of The Violence Inside Us: A Brief History of an Ongoing American Tragedy.

Steven Hernández, Esq, Executive Director for the Commission on Women, Children and Seniors. Mr. Hernández previously served the CT state legislature as director of public policy and research for the Connecticut Commission on Children. Prior to joining the Commission, Mr. Hernandez served seven years as legislative and budget director in the office of Washington, D.C., Councilmember Jim Graham. Mr. Hernández served as a clerk to two judges in the District’s Court of Appeals and as a consultant to the Washington law firm Baker & Miller, PLLC. He received a bachelor of arts degree from Bennington College in Vermont in 1995 and a juris doctor degree from the Washington College of Law at American University.

Leonard Jahad, Executive Director of Connecticut Victim Intervention Program, is a lifelong resident of the greater New Haven area. A veteran of more than 24 years of law enforcement including stints in Connecticut Department of Corrections and community corrections before retiring as Chief Probation Officer for the New Haven Adult Probation Office where he specialized in supervising Youthful offenders and Violent offenders. Jahad is currently employed as Executive Director of the Connecticut Violence Intervention Program (CT-VIP), where he supervises a team of outreach workers that mentor youth engaged in the riskiest activity in New Haven and Hamden communities. He also works within the New Haven Public School System as an Intervention Specialist, utilizing restorative practices and mediation techniques to restore relationships among students, staff and parents.
Dr. Aaron Kupchik, Professor of Sociology and Criminal Justice at the University of Delaware. He studies the policing and punishment of juveniles in schools, courts and correctional facilities. Professor Kupchik has published six books, including *The Real School Safety Problem: The Long-term Consequences of Harsh School Punishment*, *Homeroom Security: School Discipline in an Age of Fear*, and *Judging Juveniles: Prosecuting Adolescents in Adult and Juvenile Courts*. His work has been funded by the National Science Foundation and the National Institute of Justice. He is the recipient of a number of awards, including the American Society of Criminology’s Ruth Shonle Cavan Young Scholar Award, and its Michael Hindelang Book Award. He is the former Chair of the American Society of Criminology Division on Corrections and Sentencing, and currently an Executive Counselor for the American Society of Criminology.

**Moderator: Dr. Sandra Chafouleas**, Board of Trustees Distinguished Professor, Dept. of Educational Psychology, Neag School of Education, and Director of the Collaboratory on School and Child Health. Her work focuses on assisting schools in implementation of evidence-informed policies and practices that support the whole child, with specific expertise in strategies to strengthen mental health and emotional well-being. She authors a *Psychology Today* blog on promoting student well-being. Dr. Chafouleas is a fellow in both the American Psychological Association and Association for Psychological Science. Prior to becoming a university trainer, Dr. Chafouleas worked as a school psychologist and administrator in a variety of settings supporting the needs of children with behavior disorders.

**Opening Remarks**, President Thomas Katsouleas  
**Closing Remarks**, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs Carl Lejuez

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