

4:00 – 4:30 pm

## PLENARY: WHAT WILL YOU SAY YOU DID?

As you conclude WPS, you are faced with the all-important question of ‘what now?’ How do you lead and have impact in the current context and in face of the systemic challenges that exist? The closing session will motivate and inspire you to think about what’s next, what you should be considering, and how you see your efficacy in being change-makers on behalf of the children, youth, families, and adults you serve.

**Speaker:** Tyra A. Mariani, *President & Chief Operating Officer, New America*

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"Tyra Mariani is President and Chief Operating officer of New America where she is responsible for organizational strategy and operations. Previously, Mariani was co-founder and Managing Partner of Opportunity@Work, an enterprise which aims to re-wire the U.S. labor market.

Mariani started her career in the private sector, first as a consultant at McKinsey & Co and then at Kraft Food in organizational development. She's spent the majority of her career working to ensure a high quality education for all students which includes her appointment as Chief of Staff to the U.S. Deputy Secretary of Education and Deputy Chief of Staff to the U.S. Secretary of Education under the Obama Administration. In these roles, Mariani helped shape policies and programs impacting education from early learning through college and career. She also led complex interagency and cross-departmental teams that took several Administration priorities from vision to strategy and implementation including the President's My Brother's Keeper initiative."

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