



National Talent Collaborative St. Louis Fall Gathering | September 19 & 20, 2024



National Talent Collaborative held its sixth convening in St. Louis.

The group was inspired by [Jason Hall's downtown St. Louis revitalization story](#) and the high-trust public-private relationships the Greater St. Louis Inc. team has cultivated to achieve major progress across the city.

- The Story of St. Louis Business and Civic Leadership
- St. Louis' Big Bet: Downtown Revitalization Post-Covid

Francesca Ioffreda and Georgios Athanasakopoulos facilitated a discussion about the changing demands regional groups are experiencing.

- [A New Paradigm for Regional Organizations](#)

Andrew Hanson and Heather McKay from Strada Education Foundation shared their upcoming research agenda and gathered input from the group on what initiatives would be most helpful to their regional organizations as they work at the state level.

- [State Policy - Next Steps with Strada Education Foundation](#)

"Big Bet" Case Studies

Leaders shared case studies in progress from their regions with small groups to gain insights and best practices from other regions to help advance their work.

[CEO Leadership Alliance Orange County, Jasmine Pachnanda](#)

- Build an inclusive innovation talent hub by translating work-based learning experience to job placements

[CEO Leadership Alliance Orange County, Dick Gochnauer](#)

- Cultivate a start-up ecosystem by increasing venture capital funding

[Detroit Regional Workforce Partnership, Brianna Brazell](#)

- Focus on barrier mitigation and talent retention strategy beginning with healthcare

[Greater Cleveland Partnership](#)

- Downtown revitalization and activation of waterfronts

[Greater Houston Partnership](#)

- Lead the energy transition through cross-sector upskilling and reskilling strategies to create talent pipelines

[Greater MSP](#)

- Build an industrial-scale value chain for sustainable aviation fuel, anchored in Minnesota, and lead the clean energy transition

[Greater Phoenix Economic Council](#)

- Capacity building and strategy for advancing the semiconductor industry

[TalentFirst](#)

- Create education to employment partnerships and upskilling pathways in Western Michigan

Save the Date

- **April 3-4, 2025** - Cleveland, hosted by the Greater Cleveland Partnership
- **September 25-26, 2025** - San Francisco, hosted by the Bay Area Council
- **Spring 2026** - Tampa Bay, hosted by Tampa Bay Partnership

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