

# SKILLS WANTED

CUNY AS ENGINE  
OF ECONOMIC  
RECOVERY



## REPORT LAUNCH EVENT

In New York City, as elsewhere across the US, the economy that emerges in the wake of the pandemic is likely to look very different than the one that shut down in spring 2020. Tens of thousands of New Yorkers will need new skills to keep their jobs or reenter the labor market. Few institutions are better positioned to provide the training that's needed – short, targeted programs offered in partnership with employers – than the City University of New York.

A July 2020 policy brief from Opportunity America explored the challenges and opportunities facing the CUNY system.

A virtual release event featured CUNY chancellor Félix Matos Rodríguez, Partnership for New York City president Kathy Wylde and other influential New York voices from the world of workforce policy and philanthropy.

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### SPEAKERS



**Kenneth Adams**, dean of workforce and economic development, Bronx Community College

**Dave Clayton**, senior vice president of consumer insights, Strada Education Network

**Thomas Isekenegbe**, president, Bronx Community College

**Tamar Jacoby**, president, Opportunity America

**Errol Louis**, political anchor, Spectrum News NY1

**Melinda Mack**, executive director, New York Association of Training & Employment Professionals

**Félix V. Matos Rodríguez**, chancellor, City University of New York

**Rick Smith**, president, Pinkerton Foundation

**Kathryn Wylde**, president & CEO, Partnership for New York City

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