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**Cecilia Clarke, President and CEO of Brooklyn Community Foundation, Announced as Keynote Speaker at the 2015 PASE@PACE Conference on NYC Afterschool Education**

NEW YORK – July 28, 2015 – Cecilia Clarke, President and CEO of the Brooklyn Community Foundation will be the keynote speaker at the Partnership for After School Education’s (PASE) 2015 PASE@PACE Conference on Tuesday July 28th.

For more than 20 years, Ms. Clarke has successfully managed and developed nonprofit organizations in the greater New York City area, with an emphasis on community and cultural advancement. Under Ms. Clarke, the Foundation has launched “Invest in Youth,” a 10-year strategic leadership and grantmaking initiative focused on improving opportunities and outcomes for young Brooklynites ages 16-24. She joined the Foundation, the first and only philanthropic institution solely dedicated to New York City’s largest borough, in September 2013 after more than a decade as Executive Director of the Sadie Nash Leadership Project. Sadie Nash is an innovative educational leadership program Ms. Clarke founded in 2001 for low-income young women.

In addition, Rev. Mark E. Fowler, Managing Director of Programs at the Tanenbaum Center for Interreligious Understanding, will speak during the lunchtime plenary session. Tanenbaum designs trainings and educational resources to change the way people treat one another and to celebrate the richness of our country’s diversity. Rev. Fowler has been involved in New York City’s education community for over 20 years and currently oversees the design and implementation of Tanenbaum’s programmatic trainings. Tanenbaum and PASE have been long time partners, most recently with their World Olympics for All programming that brought trainings and resources to many afterschool programs in the city.

This unique, New York City-wide event brings together hundreds of professionals from afterschool education, higher education, government, advocacy groups, and private and corporate foundations to attend 40+ workshops, access critical resources, and network with those who are interested in advancing the vital work of the afterschool field.

“PASE@PACE is the only conference of its kind in New York City, which brings together such a diverse group of individuals and organizations so that they may share knowledge of the latest learnings in afterschool and access broad resources to support children striving for success in school and in life” said Executive Director of PASE, Alison Overseth. “PASE is excited to once again partner with the Pace University School of Education to provide this incredible and informative event.”

To register or to find out more about the 2015 PASE@PACE Conference, please visit [www.pasesetter.org](http://www.pasesetter.org).

**About Partnership for After School Education:**

*The Partnership for After School Education (PASE) is a child-focused organization that promotes and supports quality afterschool programs, particularly those serving young people from underserved communities. An innovative pioneer in the development and advancement of the afterschool field, PASE was formed in 1993 to professionalize afterschool services so that providers could deliver consistent, high-quality programming to youth and increase their capacity to meet the needs of their communities. PASE is committed to providing the more than 1,600 organizations in its network with the support they need to provide the 500,000 young people in New York City’s afterschool programs with the high-quality services they deserve.*

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