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Previously, Francis oversaw policy and programs, including the center’s annual summit, and built coalitions with other nonprofit organizations, chambers of commerce, and businesses. She was instrumental on the research and development team for the publication *Leaders & Laggards: A State-by-State Report Card on Public Postsecondary Education* focusing on transparency and accountability. Most recently, she oversaw the production of the reprisal of the first *Leaders & Laggards*, which examined K–12 educational effectiveness, and wrote *The Path Forward: Forging Partnerships to Improve Education*.

Before joining the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation, Francis worked for the Division of Student and Academic Support Services as a program coordinator at The George Washington University in Washington, D.C. She began her career as an admissions counselor for her undergraduate alma mater, Davidson College in Davidson, North Carolina, where she received her Bachelor of Arts in sociology. She received her Master of Arts in Higher Education Administration from The George Washington University’s Graduate School of Education and Human Development.

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