

Kentucky Graduate Profile Institute

Thursday, May 14, 2026

Perkins Conference Center
Eastern Kentucky University, 4440 Kit Carsons Drive, Richmond, KY



Agenda-at-a-Glance

9 a.m.

Welcome and Communicating
the Graduate Profile Institute

Dr. Melissa Bell

Vice President of Academic Excellence,
Council on Postsecondary Education

9:30 a.m.

State of Higher Education in
America

Whitney Godwin

Senior Education Consultant, Gallup

11 a.m.

Importance of the Graduate
Profile: A Panel Discussion

Employers, Faculty &
Students

11:45 a.m.

Networking Lunch

12:45 p.m.

Integrating Civic Engagement into
Academic Programs: Keynote and
Workshop

Lara Schwartz

Director of the Project on Civic Dialogue
at American University

4:30 p.m.

Graduate Profile Awards Ceremony