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SYMPOSIUM-AT-A-GLANCE

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2019

ROOM ASSIGNMENTS

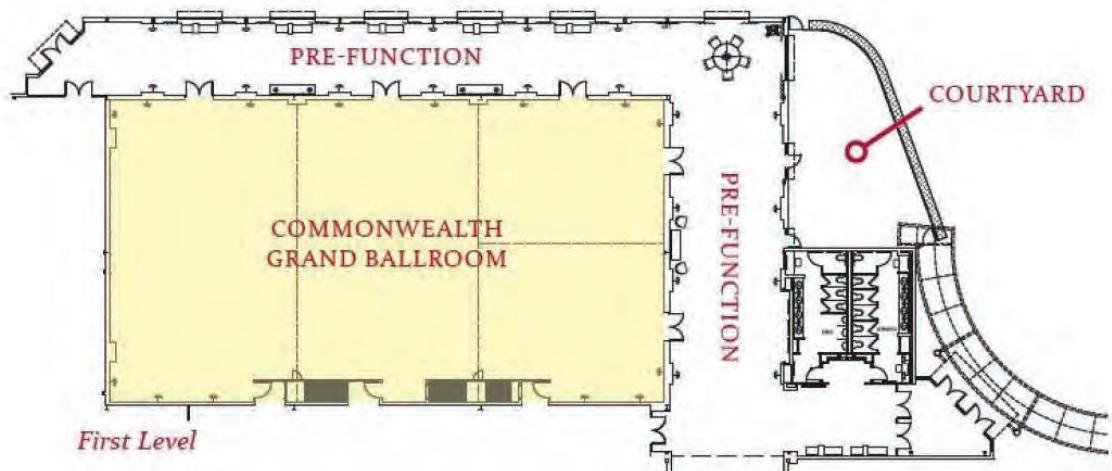
7:00 a.m.	Information & Registration Table Opens	Hallway (1st Floor)
7:15-8:15 a.m.	Networking Breakfast --Buffet located on 2nd Floor --Presidents meet in Colonel Rm C at 7:30 a.m.	Bluegrass Ballroom (2nd Floor)
8:30-9:15 a.m.	Making the Case for Why Higher Education Matters --Aaron Thompson, Ph.D., CPE President	Commonwealth Ballroom (1st Floor)
9:30-10:00 a.m.	Welcoming and Remarks from Governor Matt Bevin --Matthew G. Bevin, Governor of Commonwealth of Kentucky	Commonwealth Ballroom (1st Floor)
10:00-10:50 a.m.	Tennessee's Promise: Higher Education for All --Bill Haslam, Former Governor of Tennessee	Commonwealth Ballroom (1st Floor)
11:00-11:50 p.m.	Concurrent Breakout Sessions Embracing Educational Equity: What Every Board Member Should Know Navigating Free Speech in 2019 Kentucky's New Performance Funding Model: What it Means for Your Campus Income Share Agreements: A New Approach to Pay for College?	2nd Floor Bluegrass Room A/B Bluegrass Room C Bluegrass Room D/E Colonel Room
12:00-1:30 p.m.	Luncheon & Plenary Making the Case for Higher Education: The Guardian's Initiative --Carol Cartwright, Senior Fellow for the Association of Governing Boards and President Emeritus, Bowling Green State University & Kent State University	Commonwealth Ballroom (1st Floor)
1:30-2:20 p.m.	Preparing for Kentucky's Future: The New Presidents' Perspectives --Panel with moderator, Brigitte Blom Ramsey, Executive Director of Prichard Committee	Commonwealth Ballroom (1st Floor)
2:30-3:30 p.m.	Preparing for Kentucky's Future: The Legislative Leaders' Perspectives --Panel with moderator, Renee Shaw, KET Public Affairs Managing Producer & Host	Commonwealth Ballroom (1st Floor)
3:30 p.m.	Closing Comments & Adjournment --Aaron Thompson, Ph.D., CPE President	Commonwealth Ballroom (1st Floor)

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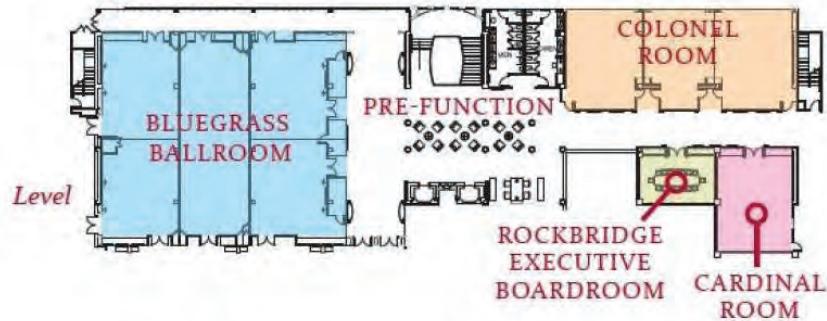
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Second Level



SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

7:00 a.m.

Hallway
(1st floor)

Information & Registration Table Opens

Please stop by the registration table to receive your name badge and information packets. The table will remain open throughout the day to answer questions.

7:15-8:15 a.m.

Bluegrass Ballroom
(2nd floor)

Networking Breakfast

All conference attendees are invited to a breakfast buffet in the Bluegrass Ballroom to enjoy casual conversation with your peers. Buffet will close 15 minutes before the first plenary session.

If you are a president of a public or independent college, please visit the buffet and join your group at 7:30 a.m. in Colonel Room C.

8:30-9:15 a.m.

Commonwealth
Ballroom
(1st floor)

Opening Plenary

SYMPOSIUM WELCOMING

Sherrill Zimmerman, Chair, Council on Postsecondary Education

MAKING THE CASE FOR WHY HIGHER EDUCATION MATTERS

CPE President Aaron Thompson is guided by an unwavering commitment to the transformative power of higher education. Kentucky is blessed with an array of public and private research, comprehensive, and liberal arts universities, and a dynamic system of public community and technical colleges. In recent years there has been significant progress on virtually every key measure of postsecondary success. But more can and must be done to ensure every Kentuckian, regardless of race, age, economic status, or social background, has equal opportunity to the transformative benefits of higher education. More can and must be done to ensure that Kentucky's employers have access to a pipeline of talent aligned to current and future workforce needs. More can and must be done to ensure we improve the quality of education, not just the quantity of degrees and credentials. During this session President Thompson will discuss his four priorities to challenge the educational status quo and drive true postsecondary change and improvement.

Presenter: Aaron Thompson, Ph.D., President, Council on Postsecondary Education

9:30-10:00 a.m.

Commonwealth
Ballroom
(1st floor)

Plenary

WELCOME AND REMARKS FROM GOVERNOR MATT BEVIN

Last December and with the help of the Council on Postsecondary Education, Governor Bevin brought board trustees and regents together to discuss the role of postsecondary education in the 21st century. His remarks included his vision for Kentucky to be the manufacturing capital of the world and how our institutions can play a role in that. Governor Bevin will elaborate on those discussions and how our institutions can embrace change to create a new way of doing business.

Presenter: Matthew G. Bevin, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

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10:00-10:50 a.m. *Plenary*

Commonwealth
Ballroom
(1st floor)

TENNESSEE'S PROMISE: HIGHER EDUCATION FOR ALL

Bill Haslam served as the 49th Governor of Tennessee from 2011 to 2019. Under Governor Haslam's leadership, Tennessee furthered its commitment to higher education with the development of the Tennessee Promise Scholarship. This pioneering program was among the first in the nation to provide two years of tuition-free attendance at a community or technical college with the goal of increasing the number of citizens who earn higher education credentials. Governor Haslam will talk about the Tennessee story and how the state has used higher education as a catalyst for economic growth and development.

Presenter: Bill Haslam, Former Governor of Tennessee

11:00-11:50 a.m. *Concurrent Breakout Sessions (please choose 1 of the 4 options)*

Bluegrass A/B
(2nd floor)

EMBRACING EDUCATIONAL EQUITY: WHAT EVERY BOARD MEMBER SHOULD KNOW

To truly prepare students for life in an increasingly diverse society, Kentucky's public institutions must seek to continue closing academic achievement gaps among diverse students and foster inclusive campus environments that graduate individuals ready for work and life. This panel will discuss the varying elements of the Kentucky Public Postsecondary Education Policy for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, and pinpoint aspects of its implementation that are pertinent to board members and their role on campus.

Facilitator:

- Andra' Ward, Vice Chair of Regents, Northern Kentucky University

Presenter:

- Dawn Offutt, Director for Diversity and Inclusion, Council on Postsecondary Education

Panelists:

- Juston Pate, President, Elizabethtown Community & Technical College
- Caroline Atkins, Diversity Officer at Morehead State University
- Juan Castro, Regent at Eastern Kentucky University

Bluegrass C
(2nd floor)

NAVIGATING FREE SPEECH IN 2019

College should be a place of free expression and free speech, but what speech is actually protected by the First Amendment? How do boards ensure that the rights to free speech and assembly are protected on their campuses while continuing to operate safely and efficiently? What lessons can be learned from other campuses around the country? This session features discussion and analysis of these timely campus legal issues.

Moderator: Travis Powell, Vice President & General Counsel, Council on Postsecondary Education

Speaker: William Thro, General Counsel, University of Kentucky

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11:00-11:50 a.m.

Concurrent Breakout Sessions (continued)

Bluegrass D/E
(2nd floor)

KENTUCKY'S NEW PERFORMANCE FUNDING MODEL: WHAT IT MEANS FOR YOUR CAMPUS

Nearly 40 states use performance-based funding policies that tie at least a portion of state funding for higher education to student outcome measures. The funding models are designed to advance state educational goals and demonstrate higher education's value. Kentucky implemented its comprehensive performance-based funding model two years ago after a year-long evaluation by higher education and state policy leaders. This session will explore the national landscape as it relates to performance funding, the relationship between Kentucky's education goals and the new model, and the implications of the new funding approach for students, campuses, and the state.

Moderator: Lee Nimocks, Vice President and Chief of Staff, Council on Postsecondary Education

Speakers:

- Scott Boelscher, Senior Associate, HCM Strategists
- Wendell Followell, Vice President of Administrative Services, Kentucky Community and Technical College System
- Bill Payne, Vice President of Finance & Administration, Council on Postsecondary Education

Colonel Room
(2nd floor)

INCOME SHARE AGREEMENTS: A NEW APPROACH TO PAY FOR COLLEGE?

Income share agreements (ISA) have received a lot of attention lately as a new approach to paying for college. Rather than paying tuition up front, students agree to give up a percentage of their future income for a set period of time. While ISAs don't necessarily lower the cost of college, proponents of the new approach suggest they can reduce the financial risks that students face in getting a degree. Terri Taylor with the Lumina Foundation, and Courtney McBeth with the University of Utah will discuss the current thinking around ISAs both from a national and state university perspective.

Moderator: Ben Brandstetter, Vice Chair, Council on Postsecondary Education

Speakers:

- Terri Taylor, Strategy Director for Postsecondary Finance, Lumina Foundation
- Courtney McBeth, Special Assistant to the President and Project Director at the University of Utah

12:00-1:30 p.m.

Commonwealth
Ballroom
(1st floor)

Luncheon and Plenary

BUFFET LUNCH

As you return from your breakout sessions, please visit the buffet in the hallway behind the Commonwealth Ballroom. The plenary will begin at 12:45 p.m.

MAKING THE CASE FOR HIGHER EDUCATION: THE GUARDIAN'S INITIATIVE

What is the role of college and university board members as advocates in strengthening and protecting the institutions that they govern, as well as promoting the larger education goals of the state? Every board member brings knowledge and influence to his or her board service that can powerfully accelerate an institution's policy agenda or advocacy strategy. Carol Cartwright will discuss how boards can collaborate with institutional and state leaders to advocate on behalf of colleges and universities, demonstrate their return on investment and ultimately help reclaim the public's trust in the value of higher education.

Presenter: Carol Cartwright, President Emeritis, Kent State University and Bowling Green State University, and Senior Fellow and Consultant with the Association of Governing Boards

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1:30-2:20 p.m.

Commonwealth
Ballroom
(1st floor)

Plenary

PREPARING FOR KENTUCKY'S FUTURE - THE NEW PRESIDENTS' PERSPECTIVES

Kentucky has seen a significant change in leadership at its two- and four-year colleges and universities in the last few years. With that change comes new perspectives and ideas. Moderated by Prichard Committee Executive Director Brigitte Blom Ramsey, a panel of four new presidents will respond to the day's plenary sessions: President Thompson's plan for challenging Kentucky's educational status quo, Governor Bevin's message for Kentucky's economic future, and Governor's Haslam's blueprint for ensuring every citizen has access to and success in higher education.

Moderator: Brigitte Blom Ramsey, Executive Director, Prichard Committee for Academic Excellence

Panelists:

- Koffi Akakpo, President, Bluegrass Community & Technical College
- Neeli Bendapudi, President, University of Louisville
- Robert Jackson, President, Murray State University
- Sherry Zylka, President, Big Sandy Community & Technical College

2:30-3:30 p.m.

Commonwealth
Ballroom
(1st floor)

Plenary

PREPARING FOR KENTUCKY'S FUTURE - THE LEGISLATIVE LEADERS' PERSPECTIVES

Fiscal challenges and constraints, college access and affordability, increased regulatory scrutiny - these are just a few of the issues at the forefront of state higher education policy discussions. In this interactive session, Kentucky legislative leaders will discuss the higher education issues that will take center stage during the 2020 General Assembly.

Moderator: Renee Shaw, Public Affairs Managing Producer & Host, KET

Panelists:

- David Givens, Senator (R), representing Senate Majority Caucus
- Morgan McGarvey, Senator (D), representing Senate Minority Caucus
- James Tipton, Representative (R), representing House Majority Caucus
- Rocky Adkins, Representative (D), representing House Minority Caucus

3:30 p.m.

Closing Comments and Adjourn

Presenter: Aaron Thompson, Ph.D., President, Council on Postsecondary Education

ELECTED OFFICIALS SPEAKING



GOVERNOR MATTHEW G. BEVIN was elected the 62nd Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky in 2015. He is a husband, father of nine children, U.S. Army veteran and successful small business owner. Growing up, Matt Bevin and his family of eight lived in an old farmhouse, sharing three bedrooms and one bathroom. The humble home stood on a farm where the family raised crops and livestock, instilling in their children a strong work ethic and solid Christian values. Bevin later attended Washington and Lee University in Virginia on an ROTC scholarship. Upon graduation, he served on active duty as a U.S. Army officer and left the service having achieved the rank of captain. After his military service, Governor Bevin worked for many years in the financial industry. A job opportunity brought him and his wife Glenna, a registered nurse, to Kentucky in 2000, where they decided to settle down and raise their family. Bevin founded several companies in Kentucky and invested in a number of others in the Commonwealth as well

as in other states. He managed and expanded multiple businesses, ranging from manufacturing, investment management and medical devices. His businesses created a great many well-paying jobs for hard-working Americans. In 2011, Governor Bevin became the president of Bevin Bros., a small bell manufacturing company founded in 1832, and a family business for six generations. Although the company was bankrupt when he took over, Governor Bevin's leadership brought it back from the edge and saved more than 25 jobs. Today, Bevin Bros. makes all bells used by the Salvation Army volunteers each year. Governor Bevin served on many non-profit boards, including as Chairman of the Board for the American Red Cross, Louisville Area Chapter. He has permanently endowed several scholarship funds, grants, and centers that provide educational opportunities for young people with limited financial resources.



SENATOR DAVID P. GIVENS (R) represents Senate District 9 (Allen, Barren, Green, Metcalf, Monroe, and Simpson counties). He serves on the Education Committee and the Appropriations and Revenue Committee, and he is a member of the Kentucky Career and Technical Education Task Force. Senator Givens received his bachelor of science and

master degrees from Western Kentucky University. He has served in the Senate since 2009.



REPRESENTATIVE JAMES TIPTON (R) represents House District 53 (Anderson, Spencer, and part of Bullitt counties). He serves as Chair of the Budget Review Subcommittee on Postsecondary Education and is a member of the Education Committee. Representative Tipton received his bachelor's degree in agriculture and his master's degree in vocational education from the University of Kentucky. He has served in the House since 2015.



SENATOR MORGAN MCGARVEY (D) represents Senate District 19 (part of Jefferson county). He serves on a number of committees including Appropriations & Revenue, Banking & Insurance, and State & Local Government. Senator McGarvey graduated from the University of Missouri with a bachelor's degree in journalism. He received his juris doctor

degree from the University of Kentucky College of Law. He is a practicing attorney with Morgan & Pottinger, PSC, and has served in the Senate since 2012.



REPRESENTATIVE ROCKY ADKINS (D) represents House District 99 (Elliott, Lewis, Rowan counties). He is the Minority Floor Leader and serves on the Rules Committee and Committee on Committees. Representative Adkins graduated from Morehead State University with bachelor's and master's degrees in public affairs, and was named to the Morehead State University Alumni

Hall of Fame and recognized for many other awards in the area. He currently serves as the chair of the Eastern Kentucky Workforce Development Board and has served in the House since 1987.

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KOFFI AKAKPO became President of Bluegrass Community and Technical College in January of 2019. His prior experience includes work in the private industry and state government. He has served students in higher education for 15 years, from classroom instruction to all aspects of administration. Dr. Akakpo holds a Ph.D. in Higher Education Administration from the University of Toledo, Ohio; a Master of Business Administration from Ashland University, Ohio; and a Master of Science from Universite du Benin, Lome, Togo.



CAROLINE ATKINS is the Diversity Officer and Assistant to the President for Strategic Initiatives at Morehead State University. Prior to that, she facilitated Kentucky's Committee on Equal Opportunities at the Council on Postsecondary Education and has worked at both Murray State University and Eastern Kentucky University.

Atkins received a Bachelor of Science in police administration and a Master of Science in criminal justice from Eastern Kentucky University. She received an Ed.D. in Educational Leadership-Postsecondary from Western Kentucky University.



NEELI BENDAPUDI became University of Louisville's 18th President in the fall of 2018. Prior to her move to Louisville, Bendapudi was Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor at the University of Kansas. Bendapudi has a Ph.D. in marketing from the University of Kansas and teaching experience at The Ohio State University and Texas A&M University. An expert in the study of consumer behavior in service contexts, Bendapudi's research deals with a customer's willingness and ability to maintain long-term relationships with firms and with the brands and employees that represent them.



BRIGITTE BLOM RAMSEY is the Executive Director of the Prichard Committee for Academic Excellence. Ramsey's career includes work in policy, research, and advocacy on issues related to education, poverty, and state taxes and budgets. She has worked for universities in Ohio and Kentucky and for the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland. She holds undergraduate degrees in economics and international studies and has a master's degree in public policy from the University of Kentucky Martin School.



SCOTT BOELSCHER is a Senior Associate with HCM's postsecondary policy team, which provides clients with high-level strategic advice in the areas of state policy, strategic finance planning, funding formula development and implementation, and financial aid. Prior to that, Boelscher served as a Senior Associate of Budget and Finance for the Council on Postsecondary Education and Director of Fiscal Analysis and Facilities planning with the Tennessee Higher Education Commission. He earned his bachelor's degree in Economics from the University of Kentucky and a master's degree in Public Policy from Vanderbilt University.



CAROL CARTWRIGHT was President of Bowling Green State University from 2008-2011 and president of Kent State University from 1991-2006. Dr. Cartwright continues to serve higher education as a Senior Consultant and Senior Fellow at the Association of Governing Boards (AGB) and as co-chair of the Knight Commission on Intercollegiate Athletics. She is also a member of the NCAA Committee on Infractions. Cartwright received her bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater and her master's and doctoral degrees from the University of Pittsburgh.



JUAN CASTRO became a board member of Eastern Kentucky University in July 2017. He is a Managing Partner at JCC Accounting Solutions, and a founder and Partner at JCC Consulting Group. Castro earned an MBA degree in 2000 from EKU, served as Vice President of Finance and Administration at Bluegrass Community and Technical College, and was a member of the Kentucky Committee on Equal Opportunities from 2012-16. Castro also serves as Acting Chair of the Lexington Hispanic Education Association, a non-profit focused on helping Hispanic students set and achieve their educational goals.



WENDELL FOLLOWELL is the Vice President of Administrative Services at the Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS). As Vice President, Dr. Followell has strengthened and aligned KCTCS' administrative and financial functions with the core values of leadership, service, and support. Followell is a first-generation college graduate with an undergraduate degree from the University of

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Kentucky and graduate degrees from the University of Kentucky and the University of Louisville. As a life-long learner, Mr. Followell has taken community college courses during his career to further his technical skills and additional graduate-level courses to further his professional development.



BILL HASLAM was the 49th Governor of Tennessee, having served from 2011-2019. Under his leadership, Tennessee became recognized as a national leader in education, economic development, efficient government and fiscal strength. Since 2011, Tennessee students have been the fastest improving in the country in academic achievement, and high school graduation rates are at an all-time high. Additionally, Tennessee was the first state in the nation to offer high school graduates and adults two years of free community or technical college as part of Governor Haslam's Drive to 55 initiative to increase the number of Tennesseans with a postsecondary degree or certificate to 55 percent by 2025. Prior to his service, he earned a bachelor's degree in history from Emory University.



ROBERT JACKSON became Murray State University's 14th President in March 2019. Prior to that, Jackson served as Murray's Interim President, Chief Executive Officer and President of the Murray State University Foundation, Inc., and Senior Advisor to the University for state and federal governmental relations. He has a bachelor's degree in finance from Murray State University, a master's degree in higher education administration from Antioch University and a doctoral degree in educational leadership from Western Kentucky University.



COURTNEY MCBETH is Special Assistant to the President at the University of Utah and leads presidential initiatives and strategic planning for the University of Utah. She leads a campus-wide team that raised a \$6 million fund and developed the "Invest in U" income share agreement program. She also directs the U's American Dream Ideas Challenge, an alliance of four public research universities funded by Schmidt Futures, seeking to ensure economic mobility and a stronger middle class. McBeth is an adjunct professor in the Eccles School of Business and received her doctorate in higher education management from the University of Pennsylvania.



DAWN OFFUTT is CPE's Director of Initiatives for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, where she leads the work in the division, which includes implementing the institutional diversity plan review process and coordinating statewide efforts around cultural competence. She received a Bachelor of Arts in French with a minor in Spanish from Grambling State

University, a Master of Arts in French Linguistics from Louisiana State University and a Doctorate in Education from the University of Kentucky.



JUSTON PATE is President of Elizabethtown Community and Technical College. He's held a multitude of positions in the education field, from teaching high school English to Principal, Associate Dean, Chief Academic Officer, and Provost. Pate also served as Interim President at Hazard Community and Technical College in 2016. He received an associate degree from Southeast Community College, a bachelor's degree from Union College, a master's degree from Morehead State University, and a Ph.D. in Higher Education Leadership and Organizational Development from the University of Louisville.



WILLIAM PAYNE is CPE's Vice President for Finance and Administration, where he oversees the areas of finance, budget, administrative services, and agency operations and logistics. His responsibilities include working with campus presidents and chief budget officers, Council work groups, and executive and legislative leadership to develop the Council's biennial budget recommendation for postsecondary education, determine tuition and fee levels for Kentucky's public postsecondary institutions, and construct outcomes-based funding models for both state universities and community colleges. Payne received a Master of Arts degree in Public Administration and a Ph.D. in Higher Education Administration from the University of Virginia.



RENEE SHAW is the Public Affairs Managing Producer and Host for KET, and she hosts KET's *Kentucky Tonight* and *Connections with Renee Shaw*. During sessions of the Kentucky General Assembly, she produces and hosts KET's nightly *Legislative Update*, a half-hour recap of the day's legislative news. Shaw graduated from Western Kentucky University with baccalaureate degrees in broadcast journalism and political science, and she

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earned a master's degree in organizational communications from Western Kentucky University.



TERRI TAYLOR is the Strategy Director for Postsecondary Education Finance at Lumina Foundation. Under her leadership, Lumina's postsecondary finance work aims to illuminate and address the many facets of financial need, especially for adult learners and students of color, through innovative approaches with states, postsecondary providers, students,

advocates, and other experts. She also works closely with Lumina's Vice President of Strategic Engagement on student-centered approaches to quality assurance. Taylor earned a bachelor's degree in American studies and religious studies from the University of Virginia and a juris doctorate from Georgetown University Law Center.



AARON THOMPSON is the fourth President of the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education. He is a nationally recognized leader in higher education with a focus on policy, student success and organizational leadership and design. He came to the Council in 2009 from Eastern Kentucky University, where he held a variety of leadership positions, including

Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs and University Programs. In May 2016, he left the Council to serve as Interim President for Kentucky State University and returned to the Council in the summer of 2017. His leadership experience spans 27 years across higher education, business and numerous non-profit boards. Throughout his career, Thompson has researched, taught and consulted in the areas of diversity, leadership, ethics, multicultural families, race and ethnic relations, student success, first-year students, retention, cultural competence and organizational design.



WILLIAM THRO is General Counsel of the University of Kentucky, former Solicitor General of Virginia, and recipient of Stetson University's Kaplin Award for Higher Education Law & Policy Scholarship and the Education Law Association's McGhehey Award. Over the course of his career, he has served as chief legal officer for both a public flagship research university and a public liberal arts college, litigated constitutional issues in the Supreme Court of the United States and lower appellate courts, taught courses on the Constitution at both the undergraduate and law school levels, and written extensively on constitutional law in education contexts in both the United States and South

Africa. He received his undergraduate degree from Hanover College, a graduate degree from the University of Melbourne, and a law degree from the University of Virginia.



ANDRA' WARD is the Vice Chair of Northern Kentucky University and President & CEO and founding principal of The Khafre Ward Corporation, which is focused on human resource management and talent development. Ward is a highly regarded panelist, speaker, and master facilitator and executive coach. His global impact and

travels span across the United States and twenty-two other countries including Asia, Europe, Africa, South America and the Caribbean West Indies. He received a bachelor's degree in Radio, Television and Film from Northern Kentucky University and a master's degree in Positive Organizational Development & Change Management. He has also pursued graduate studies in Organizational Leadership at Xavier University.



SHERRY ZYLKA became President of Big Sandy Community and Technical College in 2018. Prior to this, she served as the provost of Wayne County Community College District in Detroit, and has served in various higher education leadership positions including dean of College Centers and Workforce Development and Continuing Education at Schoolcraft College in Livonia and Garden City, Michigan. Zylka earned a bachelor's degree in biology from the University of Michigan, a master's degree in education administration from Eastern Michigan University, and Ed.D. from the University of Texas at Austin specializing in higher education administration, community college leadership program.

Thank you to the following Council members and staff for their introductions and/or moderating of panels:

- **Ben Brandstetter**, CPE Vice Chair
- **Lee Nimocks**, CPE Chief of Staff and Vice President of Strategy
- **Travis Powell**, CPE Vice President and General Counsel
- **Sherrill Zimmerman**, CPE Chair

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FOUR-YEAR PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES

Eastern Kentucky University
Kentucky State University
Morehead State University
Murray State University
Northern Kentucky University
University of Kentucky
University of Louisville
Western Kentucky University

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TWO-YEAR PUBLIC COLLEGES

Ashland Community & Technical College
Big Sandy Community & Technical College
Bluegrass Community & Technical College
Elizabethtown Community & Technical College
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