

# BETTER TOGETHER: PROGRESS THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS

## 2024 Postsecondary Education Trusteeship Conference

Hyatt Regency, 401 W High St, Lexington, KY 40507

**DRAFT AGENDA, JULY 2024**

### Monday, September 16, 2024

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| 10:00-10:45 AM                      | <b>WELCOME &amp; OPENING KEYNOTE</b><br>Dr. Nancy Zimpher, Chancellor Emeritus of The State University of New York and Interim Executive Director of the National Association of System Heads (NASH), will open the 2024 Postsecondary Education Trusteeship Conference. Her address will focus on how collaboration leads to innovation and the importance of building on university strengths to drive regional and local economic development as well as creating seamless cradle-to-career education pipelines in every community.   |
| 11:00-12:15 PM                      | <b>PEER EXCHANGES (CONCURRENT BREAKOUT SESSIONS)</b><br>Participants will engage in smaller facilitated discussions with their peers and engage in a meaningful, thoughtful exchange of ideas. Attendees assigned to specific rooms to ensure no quorum of any board is present in one room.   |
| 12:15-1:45 PM                       | <b>LUNCHEON AND PRESIDENTS' PANEL</b><br>Moderated by Dr. Nancy Zimpher, this panel of Kentucky university presidents will address topics that stem from the peer exchange discusses, issues related to the keynote address and other areas of interest.   |
| 2:00-3:00 PM<br>and<br>3:15-4:15 PM | <b>CONCURRENT BREAKOUT SESSIONS (REPEATING)</b><br>Please choose one of the four breakout sessions to attend; sessions will repeat once.<br><br><b>1 Statewide Tools and Innovative Strategies for College Affordability</b><br>The session will explore data-driven tools, research and technology Kentucky is using to assist policy makers and students in making informed decisions about college pricing and costs. Topics include CPE's research on unmet financial need and the 'Students Right to Know website.<br><br><b>2 Students are Humans First</b><br>Helping students meet their basic human needs can assist campuses in fulfilling their ultimate objective – to increase enrollment, persistence and completion. Learn about statewide initiatives to connect students with federal and state resources to address housing and food insecurity, childcare, and other barriers to postsecondary participation and engagement.<br><br><b>3 Weaving the Ten Essential Skills for the Workforce into Today's College Curriculum</b><br>Nearly three in four employers say they have difficulty finding recent college graduates with the essential skills needed to succeed in the workplace. To respond to this need, Kentucky's public higher education system developed the Kentucky Graduate Profile. The Profile is a set of career-focused learning outcomes each graduate should possess upon completion. These skills can be mastered through the academic curriculum and co-curricular experiences.<br><br><b>4 The Future of Kentucky's Community and Technical College System</b><br>Community and technical colleges play an important role in maintaining broad, affordable access to postsecondary education. President Ryan Quarles will facilitate a panel outlining the future of KCTCS, including such topics as the role of transfer, dual credit, workforce credentials and more. |
| 4:30-6:00 PM                        | <b>NETWORKING RECEPTION</b>  |
| 6:00 PM                             | <b>DINNER ON YOUR OWN</b>  |

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| 7:30-8:30 AM                           | <b>NETWORKING BREAKFAST AND TABLE TOPICS</b><br>Join your fellow attendees for a hot breakfast and table topic conversation. Buffet will close 10 minutes before the morning keynote.  |
| 8:30-9:15 AM                           | <b>MORNING KEYNOTE: BETTER TOGETHER</b><br>Dr. Aaron Thompson, President of the Council on Postsecondary Education, will provide his annual state of higher education in Kentucky update, focusing on progress toward statewide goals and the latest strategies and innovations that are driving that progress.  |
| 9:30-10:30 AM<br>and<br>10:50-11:50 AM | <b>CONCURRENT BREAKOUT SESSIONS (REPEATING)</b><br>Please choose one of the four breakout sessions to attend; sessions will repeat once. <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Workforce Employer Panel on Industry Needs and Innovations</b><br/>This panel discussion will explore the rapid revolution occurring within Kentucky's workforce and how partnerships and preparation are essential to talent creation.</li><li><b>Legal Panel Discussion</b><br/>Popular topics of conversation will be presented at the beginning of the session. Attendees will be polled in real time to center/customize the conversation to their interests.</li><li><b>Innovative Strategies to Boost your Campus Enrollment</b><br/>Discussion will center around FAFSA issues, innovative thinking around enrollment, what it takes to make lasting change to enrollment and matriculation, and questions board members should ask to support enrollment efforts.</li><li><b>Ensuring Success for All Students: Boards, Presidents and Institutional leaders partnering for Transformation</b><br/>During the period spanning fall 2021 through spring 2024, the Ascendium Education Group funded a national demonstration project led by the Gardner Institute in partnership with the Association of Governing Boards, the Council on Postsecondary Education, and eight of Kentucky's public and private institutions. This project explored how governing boards and institutional leadership could work together more effectively to improve student retention, graduation, and post completion outcomes – especially for students from low-income, rural, and historically marginalized race/ethnicity backgrounds. Join this session to learn about progress made in the Ascendium-supported work, and exciting next steps that will occur over the years ahead with support from Lumina Foundation.</li></ol> |
| 12:00-1:15 PM                          | <b>LUNCHEON AND SPEAKER</b><br>Governor Andy Beshear has been invited to provide the luncheon address.   |
| 1:30-2:30 PM                           | <b>PREPARING FOR KENTUCKY'S FUTURE – THE LEGISLATIVE LEADERS' PERSPECTIVE</b><br>Kentucky legislators will participate on a panel to discuss higher education issues that will take center stage during the 2025 General Assembly.   |
| 2:30-3:00 PM                           | <b>CLOSING REMARKS AND ADJOURNMENT</b><br>President Thompson will reflect on the key takeaways from the conference and provide a clear path toward ensuring higher education for all Kentuckians.  |