



Kentucky Postsecondary Education Trusteeship Conference

September 28–29, 2026 | Owensboro Convention Center, Owensboro KY

Join us for Kentucky's **2026 Postsecondary Education Trusteeship Conference**, where we will examine the critical intersection of higher education and economic vitality. As the Commonwealth navigates the complexities of a global talent economy, the role of postsecondary institutions as engines of community and workforce development has never been more vital.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Jamie Merisotis

President & CEO, Lumina Foundation

Merisotis is an internationally recognized leader in higher education, human work, philanthropy and public policy. He has been Lumina Foundation's president and CEO since 2008.



**Registration Open
Through Sept. 11!**

Why Should You Attend?

This convening is specifically designed for the architects of Kentucky's higher education strategy. We invite university and system leaders, trustees, regents and state policymakers to engage in high-level dialogue focused on aligning institutional missions with the economic needs of the 21st century.

DAY 1 Monday, Sept. 28, 2026

9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

New Member Orientation & Education Session

- Designed for newly appointed and elected regents and trustees; everyone welcome
- Attendance at session fulfills the statewide-portion of orientation requirements
- Separate registration required

12:00 – 1:00 P.M.

Conference Registration and Networking Lunch

1:00 – 5:15 P.M.

Day 1 Kickoff & Breakout Session Topics

- Keynote by Dr. Jamie Merisotis, President of Lumina Foundation
- Board Leadership panel
- Board's Role in Accreditation
- Legal Hot Topics
- The AI Frontier – Governance in the Age of Intelligence
- The Federal & State Landscape
- and more...

5:15 – 6:30 P.M.

Networking Reception by the River

DAY 2 Tuesday, Sept. 29, 2026

9:00 A.M. – 12:15 P.M.

Day 2 Kickoff & Breakout Session Topics

- State of Higher Education
Dr. Aaron Thompson, CPE
- President Panel
- National Higher Education Trends
- Intercollegiate Athletics
- and more...

12:15 – 1:00 P.M.

Networking Lunch

1:00 – 3:00 P.M.

Closing Sessions

- Legislative Panel
- Honoring Excellence in Governance
- Closing Remarks