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Commission for Higher Education Hosts Education Value Convening, Dec. 14

Attendees are invited to understand, discuss and address the value proposition of higher education

(INDIANAPOLIS) – Indiana K-12 and postsecondary educators, employers, community- and faith-based organizations, government representatives, philanthropic partners and other higher education advocates are encouraged to join the <u>Indiana Commission for Higher Education</u> for the 2022 Indiana Education Value Convening on December 14 in a virtual format.

The <u>Education Value Convening</u> is being held this year in lieu of the Student Advocates Conference. During the convening, attendees will hear from members of the Commission about research, policies and initiatives impacting Indiana's college-going rate, adult postsecondary credential attainment and graduate retention.

"As Indiana's college-going rate declined (to 53 percent), so too did the perception of the higher education value proposition with many Hoosiers questioning if education beyond high school is worth it," said Indiana Commissioner for Higher Education Chris Lowery. "The Education Value Convening will provide a space for collaboration for education advocates to understand and discuss possible solutions to this decline."

The leaders of the Commission's new Partnership Pentagon will be formally announced during the convening. The leaders represent influential members from education, employers, government, community organizations and philanthropy. Members of the coalition have agreed to join the Commission in furthering its policies and programs to increase Indiana's educational attainment, strengthen the talent pipeline and ultimately improve the well-being of Hoosiers and the state overall.

Registration for the 2022 Education Value Convening is free and remains open through Monday, December 12.

Attendees may view the convening's agenda by visiting the Commission's website.

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About the Indiana Commission for Higher Education

Created in 1971, the Indiana Commission for Higher Education plans, coordinates and defines Indiana's postsecondary education system to align higher learning with the needs of students and the state. The Commission also administers Indiana's financial aid programs, including the 21st Century Scholars early college promise scholarship, which celebrated 30 years in 2020. Learn more about the Commission's Reaching Higher in a State of Change strategic plan at www.in.gov/che.