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Graduation Pathways Panel Meeting #1 – Collaborators' Biographies

Dr. Marilyn Buck, the Interim Provost and Interim Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs at Ball State University, spent the first 12 years of her professional career teaching physical education and health for grades 7-9 in Iowa. Following completion of a doctoral degree from Brigham Young University in 1989, she joined Ball State University as an assistant professor of physical education with a focus on teacher preparation. She has published numerous articles and made presentations at the state, regional, national, and international levels on her research regarding teacher effectiveness and the use of technology in physical education. During this time she had held leadership positions as the President of the National Association for Kinesiology in Higher Education and for six years on the Board of Directors for the Society of Health and Physical Educators (SHAPE) America. From 2005-2007, Buck served as Associate Dean for the College of Applied Sciences and Technology. In 2007 she was appointed Associate Provost and Dean, University College. In December 2016 she began serving in the Provost role.

Jacob Everett is the Senior Director of Economic Development at Indy Partnership, the regional economic development business unit of the Indy Chamber. In his role, Jacob focuses on workforce development and business attraction for the Indy Region. The former Executive Director of the Blackford County Economic Development Corporation, Jacob served on the East Central Indiana Regional Partnership Board and as President of the East Central Indiana Development Council. During his tenure, Blackford County's unemployment rate dropped more than 40%. Previously, he was Director of Planning and Research for the Alliance for Strategic Growth/Eastern Indiana Workforce Investment Board. Prior to his eight years of executive leadership in economic development/workforce development, Jacob held positions at two Fortune 500 companies, and worked as an entrepreneur. A Certified Economic Developer (CEcD), Jacob is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma's Economic Development Institute, and has a Cum Laude Business degree from Ball State University.

Jason Kloth joined the Central Indiana Corporate Partnership (CICP) in July 2015 and serves as the founding President & CEO of Ascend Indiana, CICP's sixth initiative that focuses on workforce development throughout Central Indiana. As President & CEO, Kloth leads the development and implementation of the Ascend's strategic vision: to ensure that every Indiana employer has access to the skilled workforce necessary to thrive, and every Indiana citizen has the opportunity to pursue to a meaningful career path. Prior to launching Ascend, Kloth served for four years as Deputy Mayor of Education for the City of Indianapolis under Mayor Greg Ballard. Before joining the Mayor's office, Kloth held a variety of senior positions at Teach For America, including senior vice president of public affairs and founding executive director of Teach For America-Indianapolis. Kloth began his career teaching 6th grade in the Rio Grande



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Valley of Texas, where his peers elected him Teacher of the Year. He has been honored as a member of the *Indianapolis Business Journal's* 2018 Forty Under 40 class and a Walton Family Foundation "Education Reformer to Watch."

Chris Lowery is Senior Vice President, Workforce Alignment, of Ivy Tech Community College. Lowery provides overall leadership of Ivy Tech workforce alignment and development initiatives and organization. He develops deep collaborative partnerships with and engages state and federal workforce and economic development organizations, private sector organizations, business associations, and other groups pursuing workforce and economic development and training solutions for Indiana. Prior to serving as Senior Vice President, Lowery served as Chancellor for the Columbus/Southeast Region of Ivy Tech Community College for two years. Before coming to Ivy Tech, Lowery led Public Policy and Engagement for Hillenbrand, Inc. Prior to joining Hillenbrand, Lowery was Executive Director of the Association of Indiana Counties, an aide to former Indiana Governor Robert D. Orr, and an aide to then-Senator Dan Quayle. While on the staff of Governor Orr, he was actively involved in supporting the A+ Program for Educational Excellence and received the Sagamore of the Wabash Award. Lowery was also appointed by then-Governor Pence in 2015 to serve on the Indiana State Workforce Innovation Council.

John Newby was named Assistant Vice President of K-12 Initiatives for Ivy Tech Community College in 2009 where he oversees a dual credit and Early College High School program serving over 50,000 Hoosier students in over 400 high schools. He currently serves on Indiana's Dual Credit Advisory Council and recently concluded service on the Region 5 Indiana Works Council. In 2014, Newby was awarded a citation by the Indiana Association for Career and Technical Educators in recognition of his "significant contributions to the growth and development of career and technical education in Indiana." Previously, Newby completed 32 years of service in public education with over ten years as superintendent of New Castle Community Schools. He also served as an assistant superintendent, principal, assistant principal, and teacher in New Castle. He holds a doctorate in educational administration from Ball State University as well as a Master of Arts in Education degree and a Bachelor of Science degree from Ball State. He is past president and member emeritus of the Indiana Public School Study Council and a member of Phi Delta Kappa, the education honorary.

Dr. Janet Rummel is Vice President of Workforce Alignment Operations and Marketing at Ivy Tech Community College and is responsible for collaborating with internal teams, external partners, and industries statewide to align programming to the strategic workforce development needs of the state. She serves on the Indiana Network of Knowledge Research Advisory Group and on the DWD Sector Strategy Core Team. Prior to joining Ivy Tech Community College, Janet served in multiple roles at Goodwill Education Initiatives including Executive Director, Chief Academic Officer, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, and TAP Master Teacher. Janet has also held the positions of



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Vice President of College and Career Readiness at the Common Core Institute; Mathematics and Science Assessment Specialist at the Indiana Department of Education; and in multiple roles at Zionsville Community Schools. Janet has a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science and Biology from DePauw University, a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership from Indiana University, and she is currently completing a Ph.D. in Curriculum Studies with research interests in alternative teacher certification, multicultural education, and critical pedagogy.

Mitch Warren has worked in college admissions for nearly 30 years. He has served at three different institutions: Butler University, the University of Delaware, and since 1996 at Purdue. He serves as Director in the Office of Admissions, where he supervises a team of more than 50 staff who are involved in student recruitment, as well as admissions application review and decisions. Warren chairs the Purdue Recruitment Council and serves on several University-wide committees. At the state level, he sits on the Indiana ACT State Council and has served on the Indiana ACT State Council Executive Committee and as Chair of the Council. He also has served on the Indiana Association for College Admission Counseling in numerous roles including: Educational Calendar Committee, Professional Development Committee, Executive Board, Secretary, Credentials Chair, and President. At the national level, Mitch has served the National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC) on the State and Regional Presidents' Council, Chief Delegate at the NACAC Assembly, and as a presenter at the NACAC Leadership Development Institute.

A graduate of Ball State University with a bachelor's degree in English education and minor in speech (1968) and a master's degree in curriculum (1972), **Dr. Roy Weaver** received his doctorate in curriculum and instruction from Indiana University (1975). From 1968-69, he taught at Fairmont East High School in Kettering, Ohio and from 1969-1973, he taught at Muncie Central High School. From 1975-80, he taught at the University of Southern California, returning to Ball State in 1980. He served as dean of Teachers College from 1993-2009. The decade before he served as associate dean. For 9 years, he served on the Indiana Professional Standards Board. As dean, he was involved in the development of the Indiana Academy of Science, Mathematics, and Humanities; charter school authorization; electronic field trip programs; one-to-one Apple laptop requirement for teaching majors; the Professional Development Schools Network; Germany student teaching program; and, one of the most extensive offerings of graduate online programs in the nation. This July, he returned as interim Dean of Teachers College.

Stephanie Wells began at the Indiana Manufacturers Association in 2015. Prior to that, Stephanie was a Senior Fiscal Analyst with Indiana Legislative Services Agency. In addition, she has worked with the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority and the Governor's Office. In total, Stephanie has over 14 years of experience in public service and governmental affairs. Stephanie received her Master of Public



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Affairs degree from Indiana University and specializes in education and workforce development issues.

Susan Brock Williams has close to 25 years of experience in governmental relations. For the last fourteen years, she has served as Director, Governmental Relations for Purdue University, representing the institution before the Indiana General Assembly and state government. She received a B.A. in Political Science from Purdue University in 1990 and her law degree from Indiana University – Indianapolis in 1994. While attending law school, Williams served as a Governor’s Fellow in the Evan Bayh administration, Legislative Liaison for the State Emergency Management Agency/Department of Fire and Building Services (now Homeland Security), and Legislative Director for the Office of the Attorney General. Susan served six years as Director - State Government Relations for Ameritech (now AT&T) before temporarily leaving the workforce to care for her children full-time for three years prior to her current position. Williams was a member of the Stanley K. Lacy Executive Leadership Series, Class XX and was honored as Indianapolis Business Journal’s Forty under 40 recipient in 2005 and an Influential Woman in 2008.