

COMMISSION FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Friday December 11, 2009

DISCUSSION ITEM A: **Discussion with Jamie Merisotis, President and CEO of Lumina Foundation for Education.**

Staff Recommendation For discussion only.

Background Jamie Merisotis is President and CEO of the Lumina Foundation for Education, an Indianapolis-based, private, independent foundation, which strives to help people achieve their potential by expanding access to and success in education beyond high school.

Jamie Merisotis will engage the Commission in a discussion about the Lumina Foundation for Education's Big Goal to increase the number of Americans with high-quality degrees and credentials to 60% by 2025. The Commission for Higher Education is key to the achievement of the Big Goal in Indiana, and in Mr. Merisotis' remarks he plans to talk about how *Reaching Higher* and the Big Goal have converged in a way that is even more important given our economic challenges.

Supporting Document *(to be distributed, if any)*