

INDIANA COMMISSION for HIGHER EDUCATION

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STATE HIGHER ED COMMISSION NAMES TWO NEW ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONERS

The Indiana Commission for Higher Education announces today that Alecia Nafziger and Stephanie Wilson will join the team as associate commissioners. Nafziger will serve as Associate Commissioner and Chief Financial Officer (CFO), and Wilson will serve as Associate Commissioner for Strategy and External Affairs.

Alecia Nafziger joins the Commission from the Indiana House Republican Caucus, where she currently serves as Fiscal Analyst. In this role and her previous position as Assistant Director of Education and Economic Development for the State Budget Agency, Nafziger worked closely with the Commission on budget and fiscal matters. As Associate Commissioner and CFO, Nafziger will provide financial, budget and policy analysis regarding higher education finance issues in Indiana, as well as oversee financial operations and operating budgets that support the Commission's mission and legislative mandates.

Stephanie Wilson will return to the Commission after serving as Press Secretary for Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb. Prior to her position at the State House, Wilson was Communications Director at the Indiana Commission for Higher Education and brings several years of experience in strategic communications to her new role. As Associate Commissioner for Strategy and External Affairs, Wilson will be responsible for developing, communicating and executing the Commission's strategic plan and supporting initiatives.

"It's hard to imagine two people better prepared to hit the ground running as associate commissioners," said Indiana Commissioner for Higher Education Teresa Lubbers. "Both Alecia and Stephanie add valuable expertise to our team, and we look forward to their contributions at the Commission."

Nafziger and Wilson's appointments as associate commissioners are scheduled to be formally approved by the Indiana Commission for Higher Education at its August 9, 2018, meeting at Ball State University in Muncie.

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About the Indiana Commission for Higher Education

The Indiana Commission for Higher Education is a 14-member public body created in 1971 to define the missions of Indiana's colleges and universities, plan and coordinate the state's postsecondary education system, and ensure that Indiana's higher education system is aligned to meet the needs of students and the state. The Commission includes representatives from each Congressional district, three at-large members, a college faculty representative and a college student representative.

Learn more about the Commission's Reaching Higher, Delivering Value strategic plan at www.in.gov/che/.