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Higher Education Commission Taps Two New Associate Commissioners

(INDIANAPOLIS) – The [Indiana Commission for Higher Education](http://www.in.gov/che/) today announces two new associate commissioners have been approved by the 14-member Commission to continue serving the state’s higher education community.

Alexa Deaton will take on the role of associate commissioner and Chief Financial Officer. Deaton has been with the Commission since June 2015. She has been in her current role as director of accounting since April 2016 and was assistant director of financial operations prior to that. As associate commissioner and CFO, Deaton 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.



Alexa Deaton

Colby Shank is the associate commissioner for student financial aid, a new position for the organization. Shank has been with the Commission since December 2013 and has been involved with administering the Commission’s student aid programs since May 2015. He’s been in his current role as assistant commissioner for financial and student support services since September 2017. Shank will continue to oversee the operational function of distributing \$387 million in state financial aid each year.



Colby Shank

“Both Alexa and Colby have demonstrated leadership in their time here at the Commission and I’m pleased to have them step into their new roles, where we look forward to their continued contributions,” said Indiana Commissioner for Higher Education Teresa Lubbers.

Deaton and Shank were formally approved by the Indiana Commission for Higher Education at its September 12, 2019 meeting at Vincennes University Jasper.

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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/.