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H. Kent Weldon Conference to Focus on Indiana's Higher Education Opportunity, April 9
State Commission for Higher Education to discuss higher education as a force for innovation and economic transformation at annual convening

(INDIANAPOLIS) – Indiana students, educators, business, community and government leaders will share and discuss ideas that impact higher education and workforce development during the [Indiana Commission for Higher Education's](#) H. Kent Weldon Conference on April 9. The 2021 conference (held virtually) will focus on how higher education is a force for innovation and economic transformation to address recent and future challenges.

"It's more important than ever to prove the value of higher education and the role it plays in a diversifying economy and evolving workforce," said Indiana Commissioner for Higher Education Teresa Lubbers. "The Commission's H. Kent Weldon Conference provides an opportunity to gather key players and community members to discuss how to best serve Hoosiers and the state with these goals being top of mind."

At no cost to them, attendees can participate in a series of breakout sessions that will provide a deep dive on what the Commission's latest [strategic plan](#) has identified as the three priorities to drive change: **completion, equity** and **talent**.

Keynote speakers and panelists include:

- **Beverley Pitts** – Chair, Indiana Commission for Higher Education
- **Teresa Lubbers** – Commissioner, Indiana Commission for Higher Education
- **Mark Muro** – Senior Fellow, Metropolitan Policy Program, Brookings Institution
- **Ryan Streeter** – Director, Domestic Policy Studies, American Enterprise Institute
- **Gov. Eric J. Holcomb** – Governor of Indiana

[Reaching Higher in a State of Change](#)

[Reaching Higher in a State of Change](#) is Indiana's fourth strategic plan and provides a vision and blueprint focused on pathways for student success from the recent high school graduate to the returning adult—ensuring greater economic opportunity and a stronger Indiana. With a focus on completion, equity and talent, the plan provides action steps for high schools, colleges, and universities and focused metrics to demonstrate the plan's effectiveness as Indiana approaches the 2025 goal for at least 60 percent of Hoosiers to have a quality credential beyond high school.

To register for the conference, click [here](#). Once registered, join the [H. Kent Weldon Conference for Higher Education Virtual Event Homepage](#) or [download the Attendify app](#) on any smart phone or tablet.

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.