

Teresa Lubbers

Indiana Commissioner for Higher Education

Teresa Lubbers was appointed in 2009 to serve as Indiana's Commissioner for Higher Education, the coordinating agency charged with ensuring that the state's postsecondary education system is aligned to meet the needs of students and the state. Prior to joining the Commission, Lubbers served in the Indiana State Senate for 17 years, leading on education and economic development issues as Chair of the Senate Education and Career Development Committee.

As Commissioner, Lubbers has worked to increase college completion, improve productivity, and ensure academic quality. She has partnered with policymakers and higher education leaders to implement the state's higher education strategic plan, "*Reaching Higher, Achieving More*," and promoted innovative educational models and efforts to control college costs.



Lubbers served as Commissioner and Chair of the Midwestern Higher Education Compact, Commissioner for the Education Commission of the States, and as a member of the Blue Ribbon Commission on Higher Education for the National Conference of State Legislatures. She is the current Chair of the State Higher Education Executive Officers, and serves on the Indiana Education Roundtable and the Indiana Career Council.

Lubbers holds an undergraduate degree from Indiana University and a Masters in Public Administration from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

Gina DelSanto

Chief of Staff, Purdue University

A Rhode Island native, Gina DelSanto, Ph.D., attended graduate school at Indiana University, Bloomington, receiving an MA and a Ph.D. in the humanities. She has taught a wide range of courses in foreign language, literature and composition at Indiana University, Middlebury College and Butler University.

Gina served United States Senator Richard G. Lugar as director of outreach and Central Indiana regional director. She subsequently joined Butler University as the director of learning resources, and was later appointed Butler's associate provost. In 2009, Gina joined then-Governor Daniels second administration, as senior deputy commissioner of the Indiana Department of Workforce Development. In that role, Gina managed Indiana's state workforce board and led a reform effort for the state's workforce investment system and Adult Education program.



In 2012 Gina became chief of staff to the Indiana Commission for Higher Education, focusing on implementation of the state's strategic plan for higher education, *Reaching Higher, Achieving More*.

Gina is deeply honored by the opportunity to serve President Daniels and the Purdue University community as chief of staff, employing her knowledge and experience in undergraduate teaching, academic research, higher-education administration and public service as Purdue works toward its aspirational future.

Gina was a founding member of the Dean's Council for Indiana University's School of Informatics. She is vice-chair for Goodwill Education Initiatives, the board holding the charters for the Indianapolis Metropolitan High School and the Excel Centers for adult education. Gina was a member of the executive committee for the State Workforce Innovation Council and has served on Indiana's Education Roundtable. She has served and continues to serve on a number of boards and working groups aimed at increasing high-school graduation and college-completion, improving coordination between educators and employers, and developing innovative instructional-strategies at the post-secondary level.

Courtney Brown

Director of Organizational Performance and Evaluation, Lumina Foundation

Dr. Courtney Brown is the Director of Organizational Performance and Evaluation at the Lumina Foundation. In this role she works across the Foundation to evaluate the development, outcomes, and impact of the work the Foundation conducts both externally as well as internally. In addition she manages the performance measurement system of internal metrics the Foundation uses to measure progress toward the Big Goal, to increase the proportion of Americans with high-quality degrees and credentials to 60 percent by the year 2025.

Dr. Brown has worked in evaluation and performance measurement for almost 20 years. She has a strong background in research and evaluation methodology, including experimental and quasi-experimental design with significant experience evaluating educational programs and grants in a wide array of venues. Prior to coming to Lumina she worked at the Center for Evaluation and Education Policy at Indiana University where she managed a portfolio of evaluation and research projects primarily focusing on postsecondary education. She has developed and disseminated manuals and working papers on various topics related to performance measurement and evaluation methodology more generally; has conducted webinars on various issues related to evaluation in education; and conducted workshops and training on evaluation and performance assessment for multiple entities across the nation. Dr. Brown holds a Ph.D. from the University of Virginia in Educational Evaluation and Research.



Brandon Busteded

Executive Director, Gallup Education

Brandon Busteded leads the development of Gallup's education work. His career spans a wide range of important work in education as an educational entrepreneur, speaker, writer, and university trustee. Busteded's work involves integrating Gallup's research and science on selection, strengths, engagement, and wellbeing to improve student success, teacher effectiveness, and educational outcomes. His mission is to create a national movement to measure the educational outcomes that matter most, connect education to jobs and job creation, and promote a paradigm shift from knowledge mastery to emotional engagement in education.

Busteded has founded two companies and one nonprofit organization as a social entrepreneur. He is the founder and former CEO of Outside The Classroom, a company that pioneered adaptive online education in alcohol abuse prevention. A three-year, 30-school, national study funded by the National Institutes of Health showed that AlcoholEdu - the organization's flagship alcohol-abuse prevention program - was effective in reducing binge drinking, drunk driving, and sexual assaults. More than 4 million students have taken this program, which is the only course of its kind proven to change behavior. The company was acquired by EverFi in 2011.



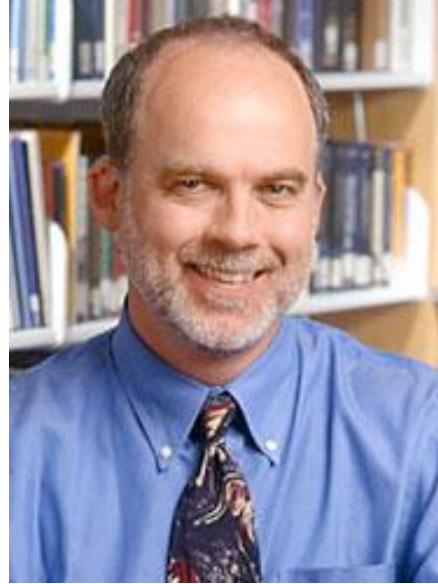
Busteded is a nationally known speaker and author on education policy and public health. He has written frequently for *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, *Trusteeship Magazine*, *The Huffington Post*, and other publications. Busteded's work has been featured in *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Washington Post*, and *USA Today* and on NPR and the NBC News "TODAY" show, among others.

Busteded received his bachelor's degree in public policy from Duke University. He is a trustee emeritus of Duke and has served on the Board of Visitors of the Sanford School of Public Policy. He is a member of Young Presidents' Organization and serves on the National Board of Directors for Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity. A former two-sport NCAA Division 1 athlete at Duke, Busteded continues to hone his competitive drive as an avid CrossFitter. He lives in McLean, Virginia, with his wife, Deanna, and two children, Anabelle and Harrison.

Alexander McCormick

**Director, National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE)
Center for Postsecondary Research, Indiana University**

Alexander C. McCormick, Ph.D. is an associate professor of education at Indiana University Bloomington, where he teaches in the Higher Education and Student Affairs program. He also directs the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE), housed at IU's Center for Postsecondary Research. Since its inception in 2000, more than 1,500 bachelor's-granting colleges and universities in the U.S. and Canada have used NSSE to assess the extent to which undergraduates engage in and are exposed to effective educational practices. Through this work, McCormick aims to enrich the national discourse about quality and accountability in higher education, while also providing institutions with tools to diagnose and improve undergraduate teaching and learning. His research interests center around assessment, accountability, and evidence-based improvement in higher education.



Before coming to Indiana, McCormick served as a senior scholar at The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, an educational research and policy center. In that role, he led a major overhaul of the Foundation's widely-used classification of U.S. colleges and universities. He holds a bachelor's degree in French from Dartmouth College, and a Ph.D. in education and sociology from Stanford University.

Ken Sendelweck

Vice President, Financial Advisor, Merrill Lynch

Ken Sendelweck is a Vice President, Financial Advisor, with the Payne & Mencias Group of Merrill Lynch Wealth Management. While his team is based in Indianapolis, he works remotely from Jasper and services the central and southern Indiana markets. Their primary focus is comprehensive financial planning and customized asset management.

Prior to Merrill Lynch, Ken spent 23 years in corporate finance, treasury, accounting and auditing with Kimball International, ending his career Vice President, Assistant Treasurer. Following, he spent 13 years in a variety of executive leadership roles with German American Bancorp, a \$2.2 billion regional financial services holding company based in Jasper. He most recently served as President of their Private Banking and Wealth Management lines of business.



Mr. Sendelweck is a graduate of the University of Southern Indiana where he now is a gubernatorial appointed Trustee. He is a Certified Public Accountant and a Certified Treasury Professional and also serves on numerous regional healthcare and economic development Boards.

Chris Lowery

Director, Public Policy & Engagement, Hillenbrand, Inc.

Chris Lowery is Director of Public Policy and Engagement for Hillenbrand, Inc. In this capacity, he has responsibility for corporate communications, public affairs and government relations. Managing all external and internal communications for Hillenbrand, his focus is to ensure the corporate strategy of acquisitive and organic growth is aligned in implementation and message across the enterprise. He also serves as chair of the executive committees of Hillenbrand's Political Action Committee and Charitable Contributions Committee. With Hillenbrand for 19 years, he served previously in a variety of management and leadership capacities at Hillenbrand's Batesville Casket Company. Those positions included Director of Sales Development, Human Resources, Acquisition Integration, Product Leadership, and Marketing and Strategic Planning for the Options division.



Prior to joining Hillenbrand, Chris 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 for his service to the people of the State of Indiana. Chris holds the degree of Bachelor of Science in Public Affairs (1984) from Indiana University and has completed graduate coursework at the University of Indianapolis.

Passionate about education, Chris serves as President on the Board of Trustees of the Batesville Community School Corporation and was a founder of the Batesville Community Education Foundation. He was recently appointed by Governor Mike Pence to serve as chair of one of the newly created Indiana Regional Works Councils. He is also Vice Chair of the Public Affairs Steering Committee of the National Association of Manufacturers and a member of the Indiana General Assembly's Interim Study Committee on Economic Development. In addition, Chris is a member of the Board of Directors of Gleaners Food Bank of Indiana and the Southeastern Indiana YMCA.

Chris and his wife, Jerilyn, a 1984 graduate of Indiana University (BA - Journalism and Political Science), are active supporters of various Indiana University organizations. They are members and supporters of the Well House Society, the Arbutus Society, the Alumni Association, the Varsity Club and Hoosiers for Higher Education. They, too, have funded a student scholarship through the School of Public and Environmental Affairs (SPEA). And, Chris serves as a member of the SPEA alumni board. Their children are Jarrod, a former Well's Scholar and graduate of Indiana University, and Jordan, a freshman at Indiana University.

Carol D'Amico

Executive Vice President, National Engagement and Philanthropy USA Funds

Carol D'Amico Ph.D. is a nationally recognized expert in designing and leading strategies related to higher education, workforce development, and business-led involvement in education reform. She plays a key role in developing national and state-based philanthropic initiatives involving higher education, business and workforce development sectors. D'Amico joined USA Funds® in August 2013.



Prior to joining USA Funds, D'Amico was regional vice president for Project Lead the Way, the nation's leading provider of curriculum in science, technology, engineering and math. D'Amico served in the U.S. Department of Education as assistant secretary for adult and vocational education from 2001-2003.

While serving as a senior fellow in education and co-director of the Center for Workforce Development at the Hudson Institute, she co-wrote "Workforce 2020." The book describes the demographics of the future U.S. workforce and the challenges in preparing the American workforce to prosper in the global economy. She also previously was executive vice president and chancellor of Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana, where she was responsible for the development of statewide strategy and programming and workforce development to boost the state's economy.

Additionally, D'Amico has served as president and chief executive officer of Conexus Indiana, a manufacturing and logistics initiative.

D'Amico has chaired and served on several national- and state-level boards, including a multi-term appointment by President George W. Bush to the Institute for Education Sciences and appointments to the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity and the National Assessment Governing Board.

She is on the board of the Indiana Secondary Market and has served on the Indiana Commission for Higher Education. D'Amico holds a doctoral degree in educational leadership and policy studies and a master's degree in adult education and organizational development from Indiana University.

Sue Ellspermann

Lieutenant Governor of Indiana

As Lieutenant Governor of Indiana, Sue manages six state agencies including the Indiana State Department of Agriculture, the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority, the Office of Defense Development, the Office of Community and Rural Affairs, the Office of Tourism Development and the Office of Small Business and Entrepreneurship. She also serves as President of the Indiana Senate and chairs the Indiana Counter Terrorism and Security Council.

Sue was raised in Ferdinand, Indiana, one of six children. A graduate of Forest Park High School, she worked her way through Purdue as an engineering cooperative education student with General Motors. She graduated Purdue as an industrial engineer and established a career in engineering and management at Michelin and Frito-Lay.



After earning her master's degree and doctorate in industrial engineering at the University of Louisville, she established Ellspermann and Associates and began a 20-yr consulting practice. She later became the founding director of the University of Southern Indiana's Center for Applied Research and Economic Development.

In 2010, Sue was elected to represent Dubois, Perry, Spencer and Warrick counties in the Indiana House of Representatives in 2010. In November of 2012, she was elected to serve with Governor Mike Pence. During her first year in office, Lt. Governor Ellspermann completed a 92-county "Listen and Learn" tour where she met with business, agriculture and government leaders. In addition to her oversight of her six state agencies, Governor Pence has appointed her co-chair of his Blue Ribbon Panel on Transportation Infrastructure. She also serves as co-chair of the Indiana Career Council that is overseeing the State's workforce development and training initiatives. Sue is married to Jim Mehling, Principal of Forest Park High School. They have a blended family of four daughters, two sons-in-law and one grandson.