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State Higher Ed Commission Hosts Virtual Faculty Leadership Conference on Feb. 19

(INDIANAPOLIS) – The Indiana Commission for Higher Education is inviting the state's faculty to participate in the upcoming 2021 Faculty Leadership Conference, to be held virtually on Friday, February 19. The conference offers faculty leaders the opportunity come together and focus on student support, share best practices and discuss policy innovations for adult education in Indiana.

The bi-annual conference, hosted this year by the Commission's Faculty Member Dr. Trent Engbers of the University of Southern Indiana, provides the space for faculty to discuss the ongoing work of achieving the goals outlined in the state's latest strategic plan for higher education, <u>Reaching Higher in a State of Change</u>.

Featured keynote speakers include:

- Dr. David Clayton, Senior Vice President, Consumer Insights, Strada Education Network
- Dawn Busick, Senior Director, Thomas P. Miller and Associates

Additionally, the Commission will announce the winner of the <u>Gerald Bepko Faculty Community Engagement Award</u> at the conference. The award was established in 2019 to honor the legacy of Dr. Gerald "Jerry" Bepko and his decades of service to Indiana University and the Commission for Higher Education.

Conference registration and full agenda can be found here.

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About the Indiana Commission for Higher Education

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 <u>21st Century Scholars</u> early college promise scholarship, which celebrates 30 years in 2020. Learn more about the Commission's Reaching Higher in a State of Change strategic plan at <u>www.in.gov/che</u>.