

TITLE: Kentucky Student Success Collaborative

DESCRIPTION: Staff will discuss the newly launched Kentucky Student Success Collaborative and how its work will benefit Kentucky's postsecondary stakeholders.

PRESENTER: Lilly Massa-McKinley, Executive Director

ABOUT THE COLLABORATIVE

The Kentucky Student Success Collaborative (KYSSC) is the first statewide center in the country to link two- and four-year higher education institutions with policy and industry leaders to increase graduation rates, close equity gaps and strengthen workforce readiness. Funded by a \$2.1 million grant from the James Graham Brown Foundation, the collaborative is housed in the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education.

The collaborative will focus on information sharing, professional development and best practice implementation support. Its work is based on evidence that outdated policies and practices contribute significantly to student failure. When supports such as programs for first-year success and improved credit transfer are put in place to address challenges students face today, a meaningful number of students who are struggling can successfully graduate and enter the workforce.

LAUNCH EVENT – OCTOBER 25, 2021

State leaders and education advocates gathered virtually to launch the Kentucky Student Success Collaborative on October 25, 2021. Over 280 stakeholders from all areas of Kentucky attended the live webinar, and a replay can be viewed on the CPE YouTube page at: <https://youtu.be/i97CPA6Y7Os>

KYSSC ADVISORY GROUP

The Collaborative formed an Advisory Group who will guide and advise the Collaborative to ensure high impact programs and services. The members of this Advisory Group are:

- Joe Cuseo, Ph.D., Professor Emeritus of Psychology and Educational Consultant
- Dhanfu Elston, Ph.D., Chief of Staff and Sr. VP of Strategy, Complete College America
- Nicholas Hillman, Ph.D., Professor of Education and Director, Student Success Through Applied Research (Sstar) Lab, University of Wisconsin – Madison
- Debra Humphreys, Ph.D., Vice President of Strategic Engagement, Lumina Foundation
- Alison Kadlec, Ph.D., Founding Partner, Sova
- Adrianna Kezar, Ph.D., Professor of Leadership and Director, Pullias Center For Higher Education, University Of Southern California
- Nyema Mitchell, Director, Jobs For The Future Advancement Unit
- Amelia Parnell, Ph.D., Vice President for Research And Policy, NASPA

NEXT STEPS

Dr. Lilly Massa-McKinley, CPE's Executive Director for the Collaborative, will discuss the initial phases of work for the collaborative and discuss its next steps.

More information can be found on their website at: <https://kystudentsuccess.org/>