

**THURSDAY  
JANUARY 24, 2019**

**Scruggs University Center, Lincoln University** (820 Chestnut Street, Jefferson City, MO)

**11:00 - 11:30 AM**

**Lunch**

**UNIVERSITY BALLROOM**

**11:30 - 11:45 AM**

**Welcome Remarks**

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**Remarks:**

**Secretary Jay Ashcroft**, Missouri Secretary of State & Retreat Co-Chair

**President Jerald Jones Woolfolk**, President, Lincoln University

**Representative Kathryn Swan**, House District 147, Chairman, House Committee on Workforce Development & Retreat Co-Chair

**Senator Gary Romine**, Senate District 3, Chairman, Senate Education Committee, Chairman, Joint Committee on Education & Retreat Co-Chair

**11:45 AM - 12:45 PM**

**Vision Setting**

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*Legislators will engage with experts in a discussion about the evolving goals of our public education system, focusing on achieving ambitious postsecondary attainment goals and the role that the education continuum, from birth through secondary, plays in increasing postsecondary attainment rates.*

**Moderator:**

**Dr. Javaid Siddiqi**, President & CEO, the Hunt Institute

**Resource Experts:**

**Dr. Margie Vandeven**, Commissioner of Education, Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

**Zora Mulligan**, Commissioner of Higher Education, Missouri Department of Higher Education

**Scott Jenkins**, Strategy Director, Lumina Foundation

**12:45 - 1:00 PM**

**Break**

**1:00 - 2:00 PM**

**Early Childhood**

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*This session will explore the connections between early childhood and the rest of the education continuum, including important benchmarks, such as third grade reading level. Panelists will discuss the work underway to remove barriers to resources, including high-quality education opportunities for our youngest learners and supports for parents most in need.*

**Moderator:**

**Linda Rallo**, Vice President, Aligned

**Resource Experts:**

**Dr. Stacey Preis**, Deputy Commissioner for the Division of Learning Services  
Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

**Albert Wat**, Senior Policy Director, Alliance for Early Success

**2:00 - 3:00 PM**

**Charter Schools**

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*This session will offer lessons from national leaders on how to develop sound charter legislation that creates strong authorization and accountability for schools and prioritizes equity, removing barriers for students most in need of choice. In particular, this session will explore how Missouri's charter law can be improved to meet best practices.*

**Moderator:**

**Patrick Sims**, Director of Policy & Research, the Hunt Institute

**Resource Experts:**

**Robbyn Wahby**, Executive Director, Missouri Charter Public School Commission

**Dr. Lisa Grover**, Senior Director, State Advocacy, National Alliance for Public Charter Schools

**3:00 - 3:15 PM**

**Break**

**3:15 – 4:15 PM**      **School Leadership**      **UNIVERSITY BALLROOM**

*This session will invite school leader preparation experts to share lessons learned from innovative leadership development programs that train and recruit leaders for hard-to-staff rural and urban schools.*

**Moderator:**      **Jacqueline Erickson Russell**, Senior Program Officer, Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation

**Resource Experts:**      **Dr. Ann Taylor**, Dean, University of Missouri–St. Louis College of Education  
    **Jennifer Collier**, Chief Human Resources Officer, Kansas City Public Schools

**4:15 - 4:30 PM**      **Break**

**4:30 - 5:15 PM**      **Voices from the Field | Leadership & Excellence in Action**      **UNIVERSITY BALLROOM**

*To further the learning from previous session, legislators will engage in small group discussions with outstanding superintendents and principals from across the state to get their on-the-ground perspective on how to strengthen the educator and leadership pipelines in Missouri.*

**Moderator:**      **Patrick Sims**, Director of Policy & Research, the Hunt Institute

**Resource Experts:**      **Dr. John Jungmann**, Superintendent, Springfield Public Schools  
    **Dr. Jason Steingraber**, Principal, Wilder Elementary  
    **Dr. John Link**, Superintendent, Jackson R-2 School District  
    **Seth Harrell**, Principal, Jackson Senior High  
    **Dr. Bill Nicely**, Superintendent, Kearney School District  
    **Dave Schwarzenbach**, Principal, Kearney High School  
    **Dr. Charles Pearson**, Superintendent, Normandy Schools Collaborative  
    **Dr. Lori VanLeer**, Superintendent, School District of Washington  
    **Dr. Kelle McCallum**, Principal, Washington High School  
    **Andy Robinson**, Director, Four Rivers Career Center

**5:15 - 6:00 PM**      **Break**

**6:00 – 8:00 PM**      **Reception and Dinner**      **REVEL CATERING**

**Introduction:**      **Secretary Jay Ashcroft**, Missouri Secretary of State & Retreat Co-Chair

**FRIDAY  
 JANUARY 25, 2019**      **Scruggs University Center, Lincoln University** (820 Chestnut Street, Jefferson City, MO)

**7:00 - 8:00 AM**      **Breakfast**      **UNIVERSITY BALLROOM**

**8:15 - 8:30 AM**      **Welcome and Reflection**      **UNIVERSITY BALLROOM**

**Remark:**      **Representative Kathryn Swan**, House District 147, Chairman, House Committee on Workforce Development & Retreat Co-Chair  
    **Senator Gary Romine**, Senate District 3, Chairman, Senate Education Committee, Chairman, Joint Committee on Education & Retreat Co-Chair

8:30 - 9:30 AM

Teacher Compensation

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*The session will explore the ways in which Missouri can build a sustainable teacher compensation system. Critical components of the compensation system, such as teacher pay and pensions, will be dissected in this discussion as resource experts discuss challenges and solutions for policymakers in Missouri.*

**Moderator:** **Dr. Roger Dorson**, Deputy Commissioner, Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

**Resource Experts:** **Dr. Josh McGee**, Senior Fellow, Manhattan Institute  
**Chris Henderson**, Partner, TNTP

9:30 - 10:30 AM

Rethinking High School

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*This session will discuss innovative ways that high schools are reforming to improve opportunities for students to prepare for postsecondary education and the workforce, including adult high schools, career academies, dual enrollment, and other innovative high school models.*

**Moderator:** **Paul Kincaid**, Executive Director, Jobs for America's Graduates- Missouri

**Resource Experts:** **Neil Campbell**, Director, Innovation, Center for American Progress  
**Dr. David Sharp**, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education, Lee's Summit R-7 School District

10:30 - 10:45 AM

Break

10:45 - 11:45 AM

Tomorrow's Workforce

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*This session will focus on how to build a robust talent pipeline, including ways that adults without credentials, or with a skill set that is declining in demand, can be reengaged through educational opportunities that offer high-quality secondary and postsecondary credentials.*

**Moderator:** **Dr. Gary Ritter**, Dean, School of Education, St. Louis University

**Resource Experts:** **Dr. Jessica Cunningham**, Interim Executive Director, Kentucky Center for Statistics  
**Steven Gentile**, Associate Chief Fiscal Officer, Tennessee Higher Education Commission

11:45 AM - 12:00 PM

Closing Remarks

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**Remarks:** **Dr. Javaid Siddiqi**, President & CEO, the Hunt Institute  
**Secretary Jay Ashcroft**, Missouri Secretary of State & Retreat Co-Chair