



## *Pathways of Collaboration: Strategies for Ohio Higher Education* IUC Annual Collaborative Initiatives Summit

September 24, 2024

Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center (OSU)  
2201 Fred Taylor Drive  
Columbus, OH 43210

- 9:00 a.m.      Registration, Coffee, Supplier Showcase (AB Graham Hall)
- 9:45 a.m.      Welcome and Opening (Bob Evans Memorial Auditorium)
- *Laura Lanese, President, Inter-University Council of Ohio*
  - *Jim Bennett, Chief of Staff to Chancellor, Ohio Department of Higher Education*
- 10:15 a.m.      Keynote
- The Future of Ohio Higher Education: Managing Change for Lasting Impact*  
*Lawrence W. Inks, PhD, Clinical Professor, Management and Human Resources*  
*Fisher College of Business, Ohio State University*
- 11:15 a.m.      Collaborative Initiatives Overview
- Tom Angelucci, Executive Director, IUC RMIC*  
*Jennifer March-Wackers, Executive Director, IUC-PG*
- Noon              Lunch (Club Room, seating in Bob Evans Memorial Auditorium)  
Supplier Showcase and Networking (AB Graham Hall)
- 1:15 p.m.      Breakout Sessions 1
- Breakout 1 (Gehres Room 214):**  
**Post COVID Payables: Reflections and Strategies**  
*Shandra Irish, Director of Purchasing, The University of Akron*  
*Snow Rutkowske, Higher Ed Consulting Sr. Director, Huron Consulting Group*  
*Facilitator: Katie Overholser, Strategic Procurement Manager, IUC-PG*
- Attend this panel discussion to hear about industry trends and changes in the card and payables landscape since the COVID-19 pandemic. Our panel, including Huron consultants and IUC-PG members, will discuss newly surfaced challenges and strategic ways on how to navigate them. Learn about how to best leverage technology and emerging solutions with increasing segments of payees. The panel will also discuss the importance of supplier relationships, compliance and security and the outlook of this changing market. Attendees are encouraged to bring their card and payable questions to the panel for discussion.

**Breakout 2 (Eastman Room 100):**

**Bridging the Divide: The Relationship Between IT and Purchasing**

*John Rathje, Vice President for Information Technology and Chief Information Officer, Kent State University*

*Larry McWilliams, Director, Procurement Department, Kent State University*

*Facilitator: Kristina Rhine, Procurement Director, BGSU*

This facilitated discussion will start with an overview of the challenges, approaches, and ongoing work that Kent State University coordinates between its IT and Procurement functions. Come with your challenges and solutions to share in group discussion.

**Breakout 3 (International Room 110):**

**Workforce 2024: Recruitment, Retention, and Remote Work Policies**

*Julie Allison, Associate Vice President for Finance, Ohio University*

*Dawn Fahner, Associate Vice President of Human Resources, Miami University*

*Facilitator: Sara Harrison, Associate Vice President of Purchasing and Travel Services, University of Cincinnati*

This facilitated discussion will highlight post-COVID strategies of two IUC members to manage recruitment and retention as it relates to remote work policies.

2:00 p.m. COOKIE BREAK

2:15 p.m. Breakout Sessions for Subject Matter Experts

Breakout 1 (Gehres Room 214): Human Resources

Breakout 2 (Eastman Room 100): Finance and Purchasing

Breakout 3 (International Room 110): Information Technology

Breakout 4 (Bea Cleveland Board Room 150): Risk Management

Breakout 5 (Bob Evans Memorial Auditorium): All Others

3:00 p.m. Summit Recap and Closing Remarks (Bob Evans Memorial Auditorium)

**Meeting the Moment: The Path Forward for Ohio Higher Education**

*Moderator: Jennifer March-Wackers, Executive Director, IUC-PG*

Panelists:

IUC Chief Information Officer Committee

IUC Human Resources Committee

IUC Purchasing Group

IUC Risk Management Insurance Consortium

3:30 p.m. Adjourn

Thank you for attending the 2024 IUC Collaborative Initiatives Summit!