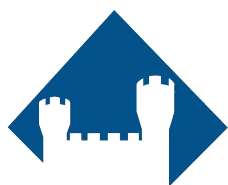


# 46th Annual Illinois Council for Continuing Higher Education Conference

March 3, 2021



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## Individual Action Plan

The ICCHE conference provides the opportunity to learn new ideas, identify best practices, network with colleagues and refresh our minds. Keep track of your action plan throughout the conference, so you can hit the ground running when you are back in the office!

### Ideas


### Action Items


### People I'd like to follow up with...


## Conference Details

Wednesday, March 3, 2021

**Keynote Speaker - Matt Schmit, Director of the Illinois Office of Broadband within the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity and Chair of the Illinois Broadband Advisory Council**



### Speaker Bio

Matt Schmit serves as Director of the Illinois Office of Broadband within the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity and Chair of the Illinois Broadband Advisory Council. In these roles, Matt oversees administration of the Connect Illinois Broadband Grant Program, as well as related programming in digital equity, local planning, and regional engagement.

Prior to his service in Illinois, Matt engaged public policy from various perspectives and wearing different hats: as former Minnesota state legislator, leading on such issues as infrastructure and economic competitiveness; as University of Minnesota researcher, published author, and graduate school instructor; and as independent consultant.

In office, Matt lead the push for ubiquitous broadband access through creation of Minnesota's Office of Broadband Development and related Border to Border Broadband grant program.

Throughout his career, Matt has enjoyed consulting, collaboration, and research primarily in the areas of technology deployment, infrastructure investment, and economic development. Integration of 21st century infrastructure is a primary focus of his work – and his research. For the past decade Matt has maintained active membership with the Transportation Research Board, a branch of the National Academy of Sciences.

**Virtual Conference at a Glance**  
**Wednesday, March 3, 2021, 9am-5pm**

9:00 am	Welcome, Dr. Ruben Howard II, ICCHE Vice President
9:05 - 10:15 am	Keynote Session - Matt Schmit, Director of the Illinois Office of Broadband, Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity
10:30 - 11:20 am	Session 1 - Sandra Prez, University of Illinois Extension
11:30 am - 12:20 pm	Session 2 - Bonnie Covelli, University of St. Francis
12:30 - 1:30 pm	Lunch and Learn, Joy Jamerson, Ed2Go
1:30 - 2:20 pm	Session 3 - Dena Lawrence, Illinois MyCreditsTransfer
2:30 - 3:20 pm	Session 4 - Matt Hlinak, Dominican University
3:30 - 5:00 pm	Board Elections, Wrap up, Awards, Happy Hour

## Keynote Session

9:00-10:15 am

### **Connect Illinois & the Road to Building Back Better.....Matt Schmit, Illinois Office of Broadband**

**Description:** The keynote address will discuss the state's historic "Connect Illinois" investment in broadband infrastructure and digital equity. His presentation will focus on the connections between these investments and the competitive profile of our state and its communities. Finally, Mr. Schmit will cover placemaking, amenities, and critical infrastructure that can help reverse the well-reported 'brain drain' ... into a better reality: the "brain gain."

## Session 1

10:30 - 11:20 am

### **The Preference-to-Oppression Slope/Stereotype or Generalization? Navigating Difference, Cultural Competency Training, Washington State University.....Sandra Prez, University Illinois Extension, 4-H Metro Educator for Lake and McHenry County**

**Description:** This presentation will assist participants in understanding how preference can lead to oppression with an understanding of terms including bias, prejudice, and discrimination. Further, this session will assist participants in distinguishing between stereotypes and generalizations with an activity to call attention to potential stereotyping and the role of mindfulness in encounters with others.

## Session 2

11:30 am - 12:20 pm

### **Experiences with HyFlex .....Dr. Bonnie J. Covelli, University of St. Francis**

**Description:** The HyFlex course modality became a trending topic during the past year as institutions of higher education pivoted coursework to online formats during the pandemic. HyFlex generally means that a course is taught face-to-face synchronous, streamed online synchronous, and also available to students in an asynchronous online format. It is one course delivered in the way you want it. This session will provide insight into three courses that were taught in HyFlex and modified HyFlex formats in the past year. The session will then pivot into a discussion for audience members to share their experiences (if any) with HyFlex of the past and perhaps HyFlex of the future. We will also brainstorm the administrative advantages, and perhaps disadvantages, of HyFlex courses.

## Lunch and Learn

12:30 - 1:30 pm

### **Ed2Go..... Joy Jamerson, Workforce Development Manager**

**Description:** The programs our partners offer are all online and lead to industry-recognized certifications. Students' progress is tracked, and students are supported throughout the length of their program. Come learn more about our partners, the programs, and how we can help your clients!

**Session 3**  
**1:30-2:20 pm**

**Understanding "Stranded Credit" and Other Hurdles to Adult Re-entry.....Dena Lawrence,  
Illinois MyCreditsTransfer**

**Description:** This session will discuss several issues that are common barriers to adult re-entry students, focusing on "stranded credit" and programs that can be helpful in relieving this issue, along with a look at other potential barriers to successfully re-engaging Illinois citizens categorized as "some college/no degree" (SCND).

**Session 4**  
**2:30-3:20 pm**

**Open-Access Resources to Promote Resiliency.....Matt Hlinak, Dominion University**

**Description:** 65% of college students nationwide report not buying at least one required text due to cost. Open-access (OA) resources can solve this problem. In this interactive workshop, we will discuss ways to find quality materials, different types of OA resources, some of the pitfalls in using OA resources, and strategies for getting the most out of OA resources.

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