



# ABC'S of the Applied Baccalaureate AGENDA

## SEPTEMBER 24 - WELCOME RECEPTION

5:30pm Home of President Stefani Hicswa 1285 Lane 11H, Powell

## SEPTEMBER 25

8:30 -10:00

### Costs to the Colleges – Data and Outcomes to lead to Informed Decision Making

The Community College Baccalaureate Association (CCBA) strives to promote better access to the baccalaureate degree on community college campuses, and to serve as a resource for information on various models for accomplishing this purpose. CCBA will discuss how Wyoming can use data and outcomes from other states.

*Community College Baccalaureate Association,  
Angela Kersenbrock, President*

### 10:00-11:30 Requirements to Accreditation and Why Wyoming Has a Unique Opportunity

The Higher Learning Commission is the accrediting body for all four-year and community colleges across the nation. HLC will discuss what is needed for the community colleges to move to a four-year degree granting institution, lessons learned from other states, outline the process and who is involved, and discuss the role of the legislature?

*Tom Bordenkircher, Vice President for Accreditation Relations*

### 12-1:30 Lessons Learned from Other States

**NOON  
SPEAKER**

This session presents key findings from a new national study focusing on adoption of applied baccalaureate degrees by community and technical colleges. The presenter will highlight what's happening in states that are new adopters (e.g., Missouri and Ohio), potential adopters, and mature adopters (e.g., Florida and Washington). Important developments on institutional support for baccalaureate degree programs and student enrollments, completion and employment will be discussed, including issues surrounding geography, program (occupational) foci, and program approval.

*Ivy Love, Policy Analyst, Center on Education & Skills*

### 1:30-3:00 How the Applied Baccalaureate Ties into Meeting the Attainment Goals for Wyoming

Wyoming's educational attainment goal is to achieve 67% by 2025 and 82% by 2040 of Wyoming's working population 25 - 64 years who possess a valuable post-secondary credential (certificate or degree). The Higher Education Attainment Council is working with the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) and others to determine how we meet that goal.

*Christina Sedney, Director of Policy Initiatives and State Authorization, Policy Analysis and Research, Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education*

*Dr. Stefani Hicswa, President Northwest College, Co-Chairman, Wyoming Higher Education Attainment Council, Member, Wyoming's Tomorrow Task Force*

### 3:00- 4:30 How to Meet the Needs of Industry

The movement for SF111 was driven by business and industry – this panel will explore best practices for how community colleges work to meet the needs of industry and the state-wide attainment goals.

*Cindy DeLancey – President, Wyoming Business Alliance*

*Niki Ready - Vice President, Ready Oilfield Service, Inc.*

*Brandon R. Kosine, Ph.D. - Vice President, Academic Affairs, Casper College*

*Gary New - NWSC Operations Manager, NCAR / Wyoming Supercomputing Center (tentative)*

### 4:30-6:00 Legislative Panel

Our legislative friends will discuss the climate surrounding Wyoming's Community Colleges with respect to attainment goals, meeting the needs of industry, diversifying Wyoming's economy, and of course, long term funding for the colleges.