

# FIRST2 NETWORK CONFERENCE

& HIGHER EDUCATION ADMINISTRATORS WORKSHOP

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2024



## EMPOWERING SYSTEMIC CHANGE: COLLABORATIONS TO IMPROVE AND SUSTAIN STEM STUDENT SUCCESS

OUR HIGHER EDUCATION ADMINISTRATOR WORKSHOP SESSIONS,  
HIGHLIGHTED IN BLUE, WILL BE FRIDAY NOVEMBER 1ST  
11:00AM-3:30PM.

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO ALL SESSIONS BOTH CONFERENCE DAYS.

### THIS CONFERENCE WILL FOCUS ON:

- FOSTERING A CULTURE OF LEARNING AND COLLABORATION
- PROMOTING INTERDISCIPLINARY APPROACHES FOR SYSTEMS CHANGE WORK
- DISCUSSING NATIONAL, STATE AND INSTITUTIONAL POLICIES
- UNDERSTANDING THE IMPACT OF THE FIRST2 NETWORK
- HIGHLIGHTING SUCCESS STORIES FROM OUR INSTITUTIONAL TEAMS
- SKILL-BUILDING IN STUDENT ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

NOVEMBER 1-2 - LAKEVIEW GOLF RESORT

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FRIDAY  
NOV. 1

**10:30AM - 11:00AM**

**COFFEE & NETWORKING**

Optional opportunity to grab coffee/snacks and network before our sessions begin.

**11:00AM - 11:15AM**

**OPENING REMARKS**

Welcome! Overview of the schedule for the day and venue logistics.

**11:15AM - 11:50AM**

**WELCOME & FIRST2 VALUE PROPOSITIONS**

Discuss our retention data to date, our value proposition, and how First2 can support administrators.

**11:50AM - 12:20 PM**

**INSTITUTIONAL OUTCOMES**

Identify how administrators can further support their institutional teams.

**12:30PM - 1:30PM**

**LUNCH & GRANTED PRESENTATION**

Learn more about GRANTED, a NSF program to improve research support and service capacity within science and engineering.

**1:30PM - 3:00PM**

**POLICY PRIORITIES FOR ADMINISTRATORS**

Identify and discuss institutional, state and national policy areas that could positively impact STEM student retention.

**3:00PM - 3:30PM**

**INDUSTRY ADVISORY BOARD (IAB) PANEL**

Hear insights from our IAB members to support students seeking out professional opportunities; support staff and faculty encouraged to attend!

**3:30PM - 4:30PM**

**INDUSTRY ADVISORY BOARD (IAB) NETWORKING**

Network in small groups or one-on-one with IAB members to discuss resume building and other career skills - students encouraged to attend!

**5:00PM - 6:30PM**

**DINNER**

Provided by Lakeview Golf Resort.

**6:30PM - 9:00PM**

**ICEBREAKERS & GAMES**

Game Night with First2!

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**SATURDAY  
NOV. 2**

**8:00AM - 9:00AM  
BREAKFAST**

Provided by Lakeview Golf Resort.

**9:00AM - 9:15AM  
OPENING REMARKS**

Welcome! Overview of the schedule for the day and venue logistics.

**9:15AM - 10:30AM  
INSTITUTIONAL ROUND  
ROBIN**

Hear success stories and lessons learned from each First2 Institutional Team.

**10:45AM - 11:30AM  
PROFESSIONAL  
DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP**

Details coming soon!

**11:30AM - 12:30PM  
LUNCH & LIFEBOUND  
COACHING PRESENTATION**

Learn more about Lifebound Coaching, a program for educators/advisors to support student academic and professional success.

**12:30PM - 1:30PM  
POLICY PRIORITIES FOR  
INSTITUTIONAL TEAMS**

Identify and discuss institutional, state and national policy areas that could positively impact STEM student retention.

**1:30PM - 2:30PM  
AFFINITY GROUP WORK  
SESSIONS**

Affinity Groups: Scaling the Embedded Students Change Idea, S-STEM Planning, First2 AmeriCorps and Faculty-Student Engagement

**2:30PM - 3:00PM  
CLOSING ACTIVITY**

Reflect on conference learnings and clarify next steps for First2 and institutional teams.

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