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## **SOCHE Announces 2023-24 Lunch & Learn Webinar Series**

Dayton, Ohio (Aug. 2) -- The Strategic Ohio Council for Higher Education (SOCHE) has announced that it will host a [series of nine virtual "lunch-and-learns"](#) throughout the 2023-24 school year. Offered during the noon hour on weekdays via the SOCHE Zoom platform, these events are open to everyone interested in higher education professional development.

Designed to showcase the institutional knowledge that is present across SOCHE's 22 member campuses, this webinar series offers broad professional development opportunities for anyone involved in education. Topics include student success strategies, accessibility in education, student engagement, workforce development, and more. This is the fourth consecutive year that SOCHE has hosted a series of virtual lunch-and-learns for its members.

"After years of engaging outside speakers to present to our members, we realized that we were overlooking an incredible wealth of knowledge and experience that exists among personnel at our member colleges and universities," said SOCHE president Dr. Cassie Barlow. "Three years ago, we began featuring faculty and staff presenters from SOCHE schools, inviting them to share on topics they were experts in, and our lunch-and-learn series took off. It's become a tremendously popular and convenient way to offer learning opportunities for all our educational institutions and industry partners."

Formed in 1967, Strategic Ohio Council for Higher Education is a consortium of 22 colleges and universities located throughout Ohio. SOCHE is the regional leader for higher collaboration, engaging with educational institutions and industry to transform the economy through the education and employment of students in southwest Ohio. See more at [www.soche.org](http://www.soche.org)

### **2023-2024 SOCHE Lunch and Learn Schedule:**

**Wednesday, Sept. 13, from 12-1 p.m. ET**

[Neurodiverse Faculty and Students: Creating an Empathetic Learning Environment](#)

Dr. Daniel Bell and Dr. Kelly Renner – Franklin University

**Thursday, Oct. 12, from 12-1 p.m. ET**

[The First 3 Weeks: College Students' Initial Sense of Belonging](#)

Dr. Jeff Montgomery – Southern State Community College

**Thursday, Nov. 2, from 12-1 p.m. ET**

[The Racial Bias We Have](#)

Angelica Kennedy – Cincinnati State Technical & Community College

**Wednesday, Dec. 6, from 12-1 p.m. ET**

[Come and Play: Building Bridges Across Campus & Developing Supports for Students](#)

Abi Morgan, Jerry Yarnetsky, Cara Calabrese, & Elizabeth Staarmann – Miami University

**Thursday, Jan. 25, from 12-1 p.m. ET**

[A Deep Dive Into Transferable Skills: Shifting the ‘Skill Gap’ to an ‘Awareness Gap’](#)

Doreen Grontkowski and Emily Frazier – University of Cincinnati

**Tuesday, Feb. 13, from 12-1 p.m. ET**

[Time Management: Take Time to Manage Your Time](#)

Roger Fulk – Edison State Community College

**Wednesday, March 13, from 12-1 p.m. ET**

[Unlocking the Power of AmeriCorps: Your Path to a Purpose-Driven Educational Revolution](#)

Collette Thompson – Miami University Regionals

**Tuesday, April 16, from 12-1 p.m. ET**

[Using Decoding the Disciplines Model to Overcome Student Bottlenecks in Research Assignments](#)

Kristen Peters and Katie Maxfield – Wittenberg University

**Tuesday, May 14, from 12-1 p.m. ET**

[Take What You Need: Using Open Space to Build Student Engagement](#)

Amber McCurdy – Central State University