



President's Session

Session 3: Thursday, June 6, 9-10:30 a.m.

"Higher Education Under Attack: Issues on the Front Lines"

Location: Pembroke

- **Candice McQueen**, *President, Lipscomb University*
- **David French**, *Visiting Distinguished Professor of Public Policy, Lipscomb University*

Recent headlines pertaining to higher education present a dizzying array of issues for educators. Topics range from political polarization, regulatory agendas, college access, funding authorization, financial aid authorization and delays, academic freedom, free speech, campus safety, and how leaders respond to world crises. The expected enrollment cliff of the next decade coupled with the fickle public perception of the value of higher education adds to the mounting pressures that leaders face. Even the purpose and mission of universities are under scrutiny with new regulations aimed at assessing the value of academic programming. In this session, Lipscomb President Candice McQueen joins David French, visiting distinguished professor of public policy at Lipscomb and a political commentator and former attorney, to discuss the impact of current issues on faith-based institutions and the challenge of leading a Christian university community that reflects the society it resides within.