

# TICUA Policy Update

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January 19, 2018

## Education Committees Briefed on Teacher Prep

THEC Executive Director Mike Krause and State Board of Education Executive Director Sarah Morrison presented on Tennessee's teacher preparation programs. The presentation was designed to update legislators on the overall performance and evaluative criteria of the programs. The presentation was delivered in the House Education Administration and Planning Committee and then repeated in the House Education Instruction and Programs Committee.

The performance of TICUA member institutions was found to be varied. Three TICUA members, however, were the only university programs identified in the top performing category. Cumberland University, Lipscomb University and Union University were listed among the best programs in the state. Overall, TICUA produces 39% of the state's teachers followed by 36% from the public Locally Governed Institutions (LGI), 15% from University of Tennessee, and 10% from alternative providers.

The video of the presentation can be found here:

[http://tnga.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view\\_id=372&clip\\_id=14101](http://tnga.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=372&clip_id=14101) Beginning at nine minutes thirty seconds (9:30) and ending at one hour nine minutes ten seconds (1:09:10)

## Remember to Register: TICUA 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting February 20 and 21

"Preparing for Political Change" is the theme of the upcoming TICUA 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting to be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, February 20 and 21, 2018. This year's agenda will feature a Tennessee Gubernatorial Forum to allow the 2018 candidates to outline their higher education agenda. As well, we have invited key policy leaders to come visit with us about the future of higher education in Tennessee. Invitations have been extended to Governor Bill Haslam, US Senator Lamar Alexander, Lt. Governor Randy McNally, House Speaker Beth Harwell, Senate Education Chair Dolores Gresham, House Education Chair Harry Brooks, Senate Finance Chair Bo Watson, and House Finance Chair Charles Sargent. The TICUA Legislative Reception will conclude the events on the 21<sup>st</sup>. The morning of the 22<sup>nd</sup> will include the President's Open Forum Breakfast. Once again, this year's events will be held in the conference facilities of Waller, Lansden, Dortch & Davis in the Nashville City Center.

Register today by going to [http://www.ticua.org/meetings\\_resources/annual\\_meeting](http://www.ticua.org/meetings_resources/annual_meeting)

## Going to DC for the NAICU Annual Meeting?

TICUA will once again make arrangements to visit the offices of Tennessee's delegates to Congress during the upcoming NAICU Annual Meeting in Washington, DC. The meeting will be held on Sunday through Wednesday, February 4-7, 2018. Hill visits are being scheduled for Tuesday, February 6th and will be followed by the **Congressional Independent College Caucus** reception in the Kennedy Caucus

Room (325 Russell Senate Office Building) from 5 to 8 pm. If you plan to attend the NAICU Annual Meeting or will be in DC during that period and wish to join the visits please contact Dr. Claude Pressnell ([pressnell@ticua.org](mailto:pressnell@ticua.org)).