Conference Summary

Welcome to the information site for the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's 2019 Texas Higher Education Leadership Conference and Annual State of Higher Education Luncheon/Star Awards Ceremony. The conference and luncheon will be held at the Crowne Plaza Austin Hotel (6121 I-35 North in Austin) on November 21-22, 2019.

As in past years, this annual conference will bring together regents, trustees, chancellors, presidents, and other higher education leaders to share information on critical higher education issues and discuss matters of shared interest.

The conference will begin at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 21 with an orientation for new governing board members and other interested education leaders. Special morning orientation sessions will include separate, concurrent sessions for university and community college board members. While these morning sessions partially satisfy the training requirement for newly appointed regents and elected trustees (Texas Education Code, Section 61.084), many tenured regents and trustees also find them helpful.

Immediately following the luncheon on November 21, conference sessions will begin (and orientation sessions will continue) with a facilitated panel of legal experts who will discuss effective trusteeship, ethics, and the avoidance of conflicts of interest. Day 1 of the conference will conclude with a special reception for regents, trustees, higher education leaders, and other invited guests.

Conference sessions will continue on November 22.

The conference will conclude with the Star Awards Ceremony and Luncheon featuring our 2019 Star Award finalists.

Registration and Room Information

A full-conference registration fee of \$300 includes all conference materials; breakfast, lunch, and evening reception on Nov. 21; and breakfast and lunch on Nov. 22.

Registration Fees

Entire Conference (all events) - \$300

Day 1 Only (Conference Sessions, Higher Education Luncheon, and Reception) - \$175

Day 1 Reception Only (5-7 p.m.) - \$30

Day 2 Only (Conference Sessions and Star Awards Ceremony & Luncheon) - \$175

Star Awards Ceremony & Luncheon Only (12-1:30 p.m.) - \$60

Hotel Rooms

A block of rooms will be available at the conference hotel with a special nightly rate of \$120 for single or double occupancy. All room reservations are available on a first-come, first-served basis and must be made through the hotel by **Nov. 15**, for this special rate. The hotel will accept reservations after this date on a space-available basis at standard rates (link for hotel reservations is forthcoming).