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Commissioner to address need for innovation in higher education at regional conference

Higher education leaders from six states meeting Arkansas this week

Commissioner of Higher Education Zora Mulligan will discuss the importance of innovation in higher education at a forum Oct. 19 in Arkansas.

Mulligan will join Dr. Joseph Rallo, commissioner of higher education in Louisiana for a discussion about why innovation is needed in higher education. Arkansas State University in Jonesboro is hosting the Forum for Innovation in Higher Education.

A second panel will address ways to implement innovation on campus.

“Innovation is key to addressing the challenges we face in higher education, including the need for more students to earn a degree or certificate and ensuring our limited resources are focused on providing quality education programs,” Mulligan said. “Diverse ideas and strategies are necessary to strengthen our colleges and universities in Missouri and across the country.”

More than 250 higher education leaders from six states are expected to attend the forum.

Other speakers include:

- Kelly Camphousse, chancellor at Arkansas State University
- Dr. Bridget Burns, executive director of the University Innovation Alliance
- Dr. Andrew Morris, founding dean of the School of Innovation at Texas A & A
- Dr. Check Welch, president of the Arkansas State University System
- Dr. Heidi Leming, vice chancellor for students success at the Tennessee Board of Regents

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