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Economic Forum

March 31, 2022

Featuring a Keynote Address

Between Mask & Gun: The Immediate Future of the US Economy

By

Ned Hill, Ph.D

Nationally recognized Economist at

The Ohio State University

John Glenn College of Public Affairs

LCCC Spitzer Conference Center Reaser Grand Room

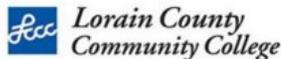
1005 N. Abbe Rd.

Elyria, OH

3:00 p.m.

Networking Reception immediately following

Keynote Address



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Event Agenda

3:00pm
Registration

3:30pm
Introduction
Tony Gallo, President
Lorain County Chamber of Commerce

3:35pm
Welcome
Sean Richardson, Regional President Cleveland
Huntington National Bank

3:45pm
Keynote Address
Ned Hill, Ph.D.
The Ohio State University
John Glenn College of Public Affairs

4:45pm
Q&A

4:55pm
Remarks
Dr. Marcia Ballinger, President
Lorain County Community College

5:15pm
Networking Reception



Edward (Ned) Hill, Ph.D.

Edward (Ned) Hill is a Professor of Economic Development at The Ohio State University's John Glenn College of Public Affairs. He is also a Senior Research Associate of the College of Engineering's Ohio Manufacturing Institute. Ned's current research focuses on the impact of digital manufacturing on corporate investment and workforce strategies. In addition, he continues research on regional economic resilience and economic development.

He is a member of the board of directors of MAGNET, Northeast Ohio's MEP affiliate. Ned was also elected into the 2020 class of the National Academy of Public Administration. Before coming to OSU in 2015, Hill was a faculty member at the Maxine Goodman Levin College of Urban Affairs at Cleveland State University for 30 years. He was Dean of the Levin College from 2007 until 2015. Ned earned his Ph.D. in Urban and Regional Planning and Economics from MIT in 1981.



President Marcia J. Ballinger, Ph.D.

Marcia Ballinger, Ph. D., has over 30 years in community college leadership roles advancing student success, workforce & economic development, strategic planning, & institutional advancement. She holds a Ph.D. in Community College Leadership from Walden University, an MBA from Kent State University, and a BA in Journalism from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. She serves as Lorain County Community College's 5th president and previously held positions as Provost, Vice President for Strategic Development, & Vice President of LCCC's Foundation.

Dr. Ballinger's fundamental belief that "Every Student's Dream Matters," is at the core of LCCC's Culture of Care. Her unwavering commitment to equity and student success has led to significant reductions in educational achievement gaps – especially for underserved students. She is an inaugural member of the Aspen Institute's Presidential Fellowship. Through Dr. Ballinger's strategic vision, the College became the first community college in Ohio to offer an applied bachelor's degree program in MEMS (Micro Electromechanical Systems) in 2018, and then a second applied bachelor's degree in Smart Industrial Automation and Technology in 2021.



Sean Richardson, Regional President
Huntington National Bank

As Regional President of Huntington Bank Cleveland, **Sean Richardson** proudly leads one of Huntington's largest markets and is responsible for the performance of all lines of business, corporate culture, colleague engagement and community involvement. He has served and advised a wide range of business clients in Northeast Ohio for more than 30 years. Sean is an engaged leader in the community, serving on the boards of the Greater Cleveland Partnership, Ideastream, University Hospitals, Playhouse Square and more. Sean proudly demonstrates Huntington's commitment to do the right thing for its customers, colleagues, shareholders and community.