

## PRESS RELEASE

### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

April 22, 2019

Contact: Emily Pratt  
304-342-7849  
[emily@educationalliance.org](mailto:emily@educationalliance.org)

### **EDTalks Event Connects Education, Jobs and West Virginia's Future**

*Wheeling Natives Chancellor Sarah Armstrong Tucker, Mayor Amy Shuler Goodwin, and  
Wheeling Park High School Senior Faith Richter Scheduled to Speak*

**Wheeling, W.Va.** – The Education Alliance will host *EDTalks: Wheeling*, on Monday, May 6, from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Wheeling Park High School located at 1976 Park View Road, Wheeling, WV. EDTalks is an education-based speaker series that promotes innovative discussion and big ideas on strengthening public education.

The event is being offered in collaboration with Ohio County Schools and will engage business, education and community leaders in an innovative discussion on strengthening public education. The event will feature EDTalks presentations by three Wheeling natives: The Honorable Amy Shuler Goodwin, Mayor of Charleston WV; Dr. Sarah Armstrong Tucker, Chancellor of the WV Community and Technical College System; and Faith Richter, Senior at Wheeling Park High School.

“As we think about the tremendous economic opportunities and challenges facing our state, the connection between jobs and education is obvious. Engaging our communities in this conversation is mission critical to our success,” said Dr. Amelia Courts, president and chief executive officer of The Education Alliance. “Through gatherings like this, we can learn from one another and work together to develop new strategies and models of learning that will provide our students with the very best.”

EDTalks are being held across West Virginia to provide a lively series of networking and education events designed to engage business, education, and community leaders in public education issues. Each program features compelling presentations by cutting-edge speakers, professionals, and advocates along with ample time for conversation and networking.

“Clearly, a strong education system is the path to a better future for our state and its citizens,” said Brett Staples, Chairman of The Education Alliance Board of Directors. “The Northern Panhandle has an important impact on our state’s economy. The Education Alliance is excited to hear innovative and exciting perspectives in this region on how we can strengthen the pipeline to future jobs in West Virginia.”

EDTalks is open to the public with registration through May 1. Registration and lunch is \$20. For more information or to register online, visit [EducationAlliance.org/EDTalksWheeling](http://EducationAlliance.org/EDTalksWheeling) or contact The Education Alliance at 304-342-7850.

This event is sponsored by Bowles Rice LLP and Dow Chemical Company.

### **About The Education Alliance**

Founded in July 1983 as the first statewide public education fund in the nation, The Education Alliance is a private-sector initiative to help businesses understand the importance of financially and resourcefully supporting the state’s public schools and to give business a voice in public education that advances policies and practices to continually improve public school student achievement in West Virginia.

###