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EDTalks Event Connects Education, Jobs and West Virginia's Future
*Event Features Wheeling Natives Mayor Amy Shuler Goodwin,
Wheeling Park High School Senior Faith Richter, and Chancellor Sarah Armstrong Tucker*

Wheeling, W.Va. – On Monday, May 6, 2019, more than 100 business, education and community leaders attended The Education Alliance's *EDTalks: Connecting Education, Jobs and Our Future* event at Wheeling Park High School. EDTalks is an education-based speaker series that promotes innovative discussion and big ideas on strengthening public education.

The EDTalks event featured 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."

This event is sponsored by Northwood Health Systems (lead), Bowles Rice LLP, Dow Inc. and the Wheeling Area Regional Economic Development Partnership (RED). To view the video recordings of the Wheeling EDTalks or for more information, visit EducationAlliance.org/EDTalks or contact The Education Alliance at 304-342-7850.

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.

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