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Agenda

9:00-9:30 – Check In (Atrium)

9:30-10:15 – Session 1 -Community Colleges as Drivers of Economic Development

Ryan Roberts, Director of Government Relations for Community Colleges of Iowa

Emily Shields, Executive Director of Community Colleges for Iowa

10:20-11:00 – Session 2 – FAFSA/Financial Aid Updates

Erick Danielson, VP of Programs for ICAN

11:05-11:45 – Session 3 – Keeping Track of State Capitol Happenings

Jim Obradovich, ISCA Lobbyist

Jefferson Fink, ISCA Lobbyist

11:45-12:30 – Lunch (Sandwiches, salad, chips, cookies, water, coffee, iced tea)

12:30 – Head to the Capitol to speak with legislators

Government Relations Committee

Tyler Poldervaart, Kirkwood Community College, Chair
Josh D'Amico, Kirkwood Community College
Heather Gaumer, Sallie Mae
Susie Hakeman, Central College
Andrew Eisenman, Cedar Falls High School
Melissa Murphy – Springville High School
Lauren Cerqueira – Iowa City High School
Juan Hernandez – Hawkeye Community College



