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Dr. Vicki Phillips, a first-generation WKU alum and a WKU Distinguished Alumna, is CEO of the National Council for Education and the Economy. She will speak at 6:00 tonight in the Gary Ransdell auditorium. The attachment provides additional information about Dr. Phillips and the focus of her speech. At the conclusion, there will be a drawing for two \$500 scholarships for tuition and books for students and ten \$100 gift cards for downtown businesses for all attendees. Don't miss this special opportunity.

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Check out our new books: *Strategies for Differentiating Instruction: Best Practices for the Classroom* (4th edition), *Teacher's Survival Guide: Gifted Education* (2nd edition), and *Introduction to Gifted Education* (2nd edition) at [Routledge](https://www.routledge.com)!





VICKI PHILLIPS

2023 WEDGE VISITING SCHOLAR

6 PM TUESDAY, MARCH 7

GARY RANSDALL HALL AUDITORIUM

Vicki Phillips, a proud Kentuckian and WKU alumna, is a life-long educator, having served as a teacher, superintendent of schools, and chief state school officer. She has been a leader in philanthropy and the nonprofit sector, and currently is the CEO of the National Center on Education and the Economy. In this role, she helps states, districts, and schools discover, design, and lead high-performing education systems. Before joining NCEE, Vicki served as the Executive VP and Chief Education Officer at the National Geographic Society and as the Director of Education at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Join us as she shares her experiences and the lessons she's learned.

Rooted in Kentucky, Extended to the World

My path as a first-generation college student was rough, and yet my career has been extraordinary. Along the way, I came to understand what sets the highest-performing education systems in the world apart, what they are undertaking next, and the ways in which we must evolve to ensure the success of our young people and the health of our communities and country. I also came to understand what leadership means and the importance of finding uncommon allies along the way. No matter what role I have undertaken – teacher, superintendent, state policy-maker, not-for-profit leader, philanthropist – I have never forgotten my roots and that education made all the difference. As a proud Kentuckian and WKU grad, I hope to share some of my learning journey.

Thank you, Hilltoppers!



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