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**PRESENTATION ON CONDITION OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN IOWA**

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**Executive Summary:** The Iowa College Aid Commission recently released a biennial report called the *Condition of Higher Education in Iowa 2018*. This report describes the current state of demographics, college readiness and success, and financial aid and student debt in the state.

**Presenter:** Mark Wiederspan is the Executive Research Officer at the Iowa College Student Aid Commission. He previously worked as a faculty member at Arizona State University and as a policy analyst at National Student Loan Program. His areas of research include higher education policy, with a focus on financial aid, economics of education, educational pathways to college, and examination of personal and institutional barriers to college persistence and completion. Wiederspan earned his PhD and MA in higher education administration from the University of Michigan's Center for the Study of Higher and Postsecondary Education. He earned a BA in political science from Nebraska Wesleyan University.