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(Note to media: Photo of Stagnolia is available at <http://bit.ly/2rnObXA>.)

### **CPE's Reecie Stagnolia to speak at Congressional briefing today**

(FRANKFORT, Ky.)—The Council on Postsecondary Education is pleased to announce that Reecie Stagnolia, vice president for adult education, will speak at a Congressional briefing Thursday, June 1, 10-11:30 a.m. in Washington, D.C.

Stagnolia will talk about Accelerating Opportunity Kentucky (AOKY), an integrated education and training model that provides qualified GED-seeking students with concurrent enrollment in occupational skills programs at a community and technical college. The program is a partnership between Kentucky Adult Education, the Kentucky Department of Workforce Investment/Kentucky Career Centers and the Kentucky Community and Technical College System.

“Accelerating Opportunity is a game changer since it connects our students to career pathways, builds their job readiness skills and helps boost the skills of Kentucky’s workforce,” said Stagnolia.

In a news release issued by the National Skills Coalition, the briefing will provide new research and state examples to help inform reauthorization of key education and workforce legislation, including the Perkins Career and Technical Education Act, Higher Education Act and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families.

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