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NKU Hosts Inaugural Research and Innovation Symposium for Education Event

HIGHLAND HEIGHTS, KY- Northern Kentucky University gathers educators, researchers and innovators together to collaborate on the future of learning at the inaugural Research and Innovation Symposium for Education (RISE) event.

NKU will host the RISE event on August 4, 2017 in partnership with TutorGen, Northern Kentucky Cooperative for Education Services (NKCES) and the Northern Kentucky Education Council. The goal of the event is to provide opportunities for district and school leaders, teachers, researchers and innovators to talk about the future of education.

“Technology will continue to play a larger role in classrooms and in informal learning outside of our schools. We encourage our teacher education students to not only embrace the possibilities for technology-assisted learning but to practice incorporating it in their lesson plans and their other experiential learning opportunities,” said Dr. Cynthia Reed, Dean of the [College of Education and Human Services](#). “RISE will take what we do one step further, opening new avenues for communication with the people who are technology innovators and researchers, so that we better understand their point of view and they better understand what is needed for effective learning.”

“RISE is about getting everyone involved with educational technology in the same room and talking about what works and doesn’t work,” said Dr. Kevin Kirby, Dean of the [College of Informatics](#). “It may be great to have an iPad in every kid’s hands, but what is the appropriate way to take the data from that app and determine how well a student is learning? Researchers and innovators can hear straight from teachers how students are reacting to their programs. It’s going to be a dynamic event.”

The symposium includes speakers from NKU, local school districts, TutorGen, the Kentucky Innovation Network, the Kentucky Science and Engineering Foundation and Tier1 Performance Solutions, along with researchers from Harvard University, University of Pennsylvania and Carnegie Mellon University. Karen Cheser, Superintendent of Fort Thomas Independent Schools and a regional expert on innovation in education, will provide the keynote address.

What: Research and Innovation Symposium for Education (RISE)

When: August 4, 2017 from 8 a.m.- 3:15 p.m.

Where: Griffin Hall, Northern Kentucky University

The first part of the symposium will be divided into two areas. One section will focus on why an education system should undertake digital conversion (one-to-one computers/devices) and the opportunities associated with it. The other section will focus on current research, research opportunities in Kentucky and using data for personalization. Following lunch, unconference sessions will encourage conversations among the groups, and a post-conference event at Braxton Brewery will continue the networking and dialogue.

For more information on the symposium, please visit the [RISE webpage](#).

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