ILLINOIS INNOVATION DAY
AGENDA

I.   Welcome Remarks
Jerry Kruse, MD, MSPH
Dean and Provost, Southern Illinois University (SIU) School of Medicine

II.   Setting the Stage
Brandon Ragle
Acting Secretary and State CIO, Illinois Department of Innovation & Technology

III.   Celebrating Innovation in Illinois
Juliana Stratton
State of Illinois Lieutenant Governor

IV.   Illinois Innovation Network Innovators
Cynthia Faullin
Chair of the Illinois Innovation Network Committee on Entrepreneurship

V.   Panel: Artificial Intelligence: Challenges and Potential
Moderator: Laura Weisskopf Bleill
Director of External Engagement, University of Illinois Research Park

Panelists:
- *Joseph Fatheree, Top 10 Finalist Global Teacher Prize, Teacher, Effingham School District*
- *Volodymyr Kindratenko, Director of the Center for Artificial Intelligence Innovation, NCSA*
- *Lee Dunn, Director, Cloud Policy for North America at Google Cloud*

VI.   Break

VII.   Panel: Strengthening the STEAM Pipeline and Fostering Equitable Innovation
Moderator: Jason Helfer
Deputy Officer, Instructional Education, Illinois State Board of Education

Panelists:
- *Austin Green, Research & Data Associate, Illinois Science & Technology Coalition*
- *Cynthia Faullin, Director of Innovation and Entrepreneurship, University of Illinois Chicago*
- *Caroline Sanchez Crozier, Founder, Latinx Digital Leaders Now, CEO, CSC Consulting Group*

VIII. Closing
Brandon Ragle
Acting Secretary and State CIO, Illinois Department of Innovation & Technology

Networking and reception to follow in the SIU Pearson Museum