



Liz Koop Biography



Liz S. Koop is President and CEO of EducationQuest Foundation – a private nonprofit organization with a mission to improve access to higher education in Nebraska.

Ms. Koop oversees programs and services that support the Foundation’s mission including free college access and planning services, need-based scholarship programs, college access grants, and outreach services.

Ms. Koop has over 35 years of experience serving higher education. She previously served as Vice President of the Foundation for Educational Funding (FEF) directing college planning offices in Kearney, Lincoln and Omaha. Prior to that position, she was Assistant Vice President of Information Systems for FEF and Vice President of Midwest Computing, Inc., overseeing software development for secondary markets, guarantors, lenders, and colleges in the student loan industry.

Ms. Koop is a Trustee of the University of Nebraska Foundation and serves on the President’s Board of Advisors for Nebraska Wesleyan University. She is a member and past president of Lincoln Downtown Rotary Club #14 currently serving on the Finance Committee, secretary of the Board for Boys & Girls Club of Lincoln/Lancaster County, a member of the Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital Foundation board, and a board member for the Lincoln Children’s Zoo.

Ms. Koop was Co-Chair of the Governor’s Education and Workforce Roundtable, an alumnus of the Chancellor’s Advisory Board at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, and was a member and Finance Committee Chair of the Pius X High School Foundation board. Ms. Koop is a graduate of Leadership Lincoln Fellows XVII and served on the Leadership Lincoln board from 2010-2017, including as Board Chair for two years. She also served on the board of the Country Club of Lincoln.

Ms. Koop holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration in Finance and Marketing from Nebraska Wesleyan University. She also completed the Management Development Certificate Program at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

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