



Liz S. Koop Biography

Liz S. Koop is President and CEO of EducationQuest Foundation, a private nonprofit dedicated to improving access to higher education in Nebraska. She provides strategic oversight of the Foundation's programs and services, ensuring they align with its mission to improve college access. Under her leadership, EducationQuest offers free college planning services, need-based scholarship programs, college access grants, and outreach initiatives. Additionally, Ms. Koop oversees the financial management and investment strategy of the Foundation's endowment, ensuring its long-term sustainability in support of students.

With more than 39 years of experience in higher education, Ms. Koop previously served as Vice President of the Foundation for Educational Funding (FEF), where she directed the college planning offices in Kearney, Lincoln, and Omaha. Prior to that, 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 deeply engaged in community and educational leadership. She is a Trustee of the University of Nebraska Foundation and serves on the Board of Governors of Nebraska Wesleyan University. She is the board vice chair for the Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital Foundation, a member and past president of Lincoln Downtown Rotary Club #14, and a member of its Finance Committee.

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

Ms. Koop holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with concentrations 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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