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## **Kentucky Governor's Diversity and Leadership Conference Celebrates 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Event**

**FRANKFORT, Ky. (Nov. 22, 2021)** – The Kentucky Personnel Cabinet hosted the 35<sup>th</sup> annual Governor's Conference on Leadership, Equality, Accessibility and Diversity (LEAD), Nov. 18-19.

Historically, the Governor's LEAD Conference was held at the Kentucky International Convention Center in Louisville, KY and is one of the largest diversity and leadership conferences in the region. This year's two-day virtual event attracted 1,049 registrants from both public and private sectors representing several states across the U.S.

The event featured an impressive line-up of presenters, addressing topics such as inclusive leadership, strategies for self-care and understanding today's multi-generational workplace. [Click here for agenda](#)

This year's event theme was *Diversity and Inclusion: Powering a Better Kentucky*.

The 2021 virtual event was emceed by KET Director of Public Affairs and Moderator Renee Shaw, featured an opening address from Gov. Andy Beshear and a keynote presentation from nationally acclaimed diversity, inclusion and bias expert, Risha Grant.

"I congratulate the Kentucky Personnel Cabinet for 35 years of organizing and promoting the LEAD Conference," said Gov. Beshear. "As our flagship diversity and inclusion training event, this conference continues to address strategies to promote equitable health care, wages and education across the commonwealth."

The annual LEAD Conference also recognized the accomplishments of Kentuckians, state agencies and employees who have made significant accomplishments in the areas of diversity and inclusion with the George W. Wilson Sr. Equity Achievement, Charles W. Anderson Laureate and the inaugural IMPACT awards. This year's Anderson Award recipient was Edgardo Mansilla, Executive Director of the Americana Community Center in Louisville, KY.

For more information about the 2021 Governor's LEAD Conference, please contact the Office of Diversity, Equality and Training at 502-564-6656 or visit <https://kylead.ky.gov/>.

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