

# FAITH IN THE WORKPLACE

Education

ALUMNI SPEAKER SERIES



## Schedule

### Date

Nov. 3, 2023

### Time

2 p.m.

### Location

Watson Center,  
Thornton 334

### Topic

"Navigating  
Change and  
Creating a  
Bright Future  
for Learners"

## Welcome!

This speaker series aims to foster meaningful conversations, spark curiosity and provide valuable career guidance to our students. From industry innovators to award-winning artists, our alumni have demonstrated the power of a Christian liberal arts education to shape critical thinkers, problem solvers and creative visionaries.

## Dr. Mike Hernandez 2023 Outstanding Alumnus

Hernandez earned a master's degree in 2008 and a doctorate in 2015 in educational leadership. Hernandez currently serves as executive director of the Arkansas Association of Educational Administrators where he provides professional development for administrators across the state. He believes they play an essential role in supporting classroom teachers and strives to equip them to support student outcomes. Previously he served as state superintendent, deputy commissioner and assistant commissioner at the Arkansas Department of Education as well as being superintendent of the Hot Springs and Danville school districts.



He and his wife, Susan, live in Hot Springs, Arkansas, and have three children, Sophie, Olivia and Josie.

Hernandez will discuss how educators can best navigate changes in state legislation and initiatives.

## FAITH AND EDUCATION

*"... inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ." — 1 Thessalonians 1:3*