
*Commencement Weekend
May 3-4, 2019
Commencement Ceremonies
Dr. Todd Jones*



Todd Jones became President and General Counsel of the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Ohio in 2005. Since then, he has led the association's advocacy at the state and federal level. Accomplishments include advocating to rebuild the need-based Ohio College Opportunity Grant and ensuring that independent institutions could participate in numerous other state programs.

Todd was an at-large member of Ohio's State Board of Education from 2011-2017, serving as part of the board's three-member leadership team, leading the creation of Ohio's graduation standards, honors

diploma system, new district report cards, and the establishment of Ohio's first rules on the use of restraint-and-seclusion.

From 2001-2005, Todd was a member of the Bush administration in the U.S. Department of Education. Todd oversaw policy development and budgeting for \$110 billion federal spending as Associate Deputy Secretary for Budget. Prior to that, he served as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights Enforcement and led the President's Commission on Excellence in Special Education.

Prior to that, Todd was president of a national education advocacy group and served as an attorney for the House Committee on Education and the Workforce, where he was chief staff negotiator of the landmark Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Amendments of 1997. Todd holds a B.S.B.A. and J.D. from the University of Denver and an LL.M. from Georgetown University Law Center, and is a father of two.