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LitWorld Founder Pam Allyn Joins Reagan Institute Summit on Education

Global literacy advocate and author will participate in panel on 'New Basics' in education

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute today announced that Pam Allyn, founder of literacy movement LitWorld and author of “Every Child a Super Reader,” will be a panelist at the Reagan Institute Summit on Education (RISE) in Washington, D.C., on April 12, 2018.

“Pam Allyn has dedicated herself to empowering children around the globe with the power of the written word,” said John Heubusch, executive director of the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute. “We are thrilled to welcome her perspective and experience to our conversation on the necessities for the modern U.S. classroom.”

Allyn will participate in a panel session examining the “New Basics” of American education. This panel aims to define the knowledge, skills, and dispositions that will define an educated person in the future, to highlight educational opportunities that foster creativity and innovation central to the engine of American success and to identify core aspects in the design of future schools, learning environments, programs and learning opportunities for all.

Allyn joins other leaders in education, policy, business and technology participating in RISE 2018, including former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, Purdue University President Mitch Daniels, Rep. Virginia Foxx, former Secretaries of Education John B. King, Jr., Arne Duncan and Sen. Lamar Alexander, and many others. Throughout the conference, bipartisan panels and plenaries will foster conversation on a wide range of education policy issues. These issues include lessons learned from the 1983 report on education “A Nation at Risk,” the future of higher education, the role of states in pursuing educational excellence, innovation in the classroom and approaches to constructing bipartisan legislation.

An outspoken literacy advocate, Allyn is the founder of the global movement LitWorld, which works to develop reading, writing and storytelling abilities in children from across the U.S. and more than 60 countries. She is also the creator of LitCamp, a reading program in partnership with Scholastic Inc. to combat literacy skill deterioration over the summer break, LitLife, a literacy education training program, and Books for Boys, a reading initiative focused on building literacy skills in children in the foster care system. Allyn is also the author of many books on literacy, including her two latest works “Every Child a Super

Reader,” co-authored with Ernest Morrell, and “Taming the Wild Text,” co-authored with Monica Burns.

Allyn previously served as a Bush Institute Women’s Initiative Fellowship Mentor and a Kellogg Foundation Fellow in Racial Equity and Healing. She has also received many honors for her work with policy leaders, educators, and school leaders, including the Teachers College Columbia University Distinguished Alumni Award, the Scholastic Literacy Champion Award, The Children’s Village Legacy of Service Award and was a finalist for the Brock International Prize in Education. [For more info, click here.](#)

RISE 2018 is open to registered media. For more information, visit www.reaganfoundation.org/reagan-institute or follow RISE on Twitter @ReaganEdSummit. Join the conversation with #RISE2018.

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Ronald Reagan said, “**Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction.** We didn’t pass it on to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children's children what it was once like in the United States where men were free.” The RISE Summit builds on the success of the non-partisan Reagan National Defense Forum (RNDF), which, for the past five years, has brought together luminaries from across the political spectrum to examine the state of National Defense. With RISE, we plan to leverage our role as a convener to explore the future of American education.

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