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Condoleezza Rice Joins Reagan Institute Summit on Education

66th Secretary of State serving under President George W. Bush will speak on American "Learning Society" at RISE

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute today announced former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice will be a panel participant at the Reagan Institute Summit on Education (RISE) in Washington, D.C., on April 12, 2018.

"We are thrilled to have Dr. Rice joining us as at RISE 2018," said Frederick J. Ryan, Jr., chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute. "She holds a wealth of experience and passionate belief in the power of education, and her insights as an educator and national leader are an invaluable addition to the discussion."

Rice will participate in the conference's opening session titled "The Learning Society." The panel will explore questions on education's impact on all facets of society, and in recognition of the 35th anniversary of the release of the Reagan administration's "A Nation at Risk" report on education, it will also forecast 35 years into the future of the American education system.

Rice joins other leaders in education, policy, business and technology participating in RISE 2018, including former Gov. Jeb Bush, America's Promise Alliance Chairman Alma J. Powell, 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.

Rice currently serves as the Denning Professor in Global Business and the Economy at the Stanford Graduate School of Business and the Thomas and Barbara Stephenson Senior Fellow on Public Policy at the Hoover Institution. She has been on the faculty of Stanford University since 1981 as a professor of political science, for which she has received both the 1984 Walter J. Gores Award for Excellence in Teaching and the 1993 School of Humanities and Sciences Dean's Award for Distinguished Teaching. She served on Pres. George H. W. Bush's National Security Council staff from 1989 to March 1991 in a variety of roles before returning to Stanford as the University's provost from 1993 to 1999. Rice was the first

woman to serve as National Security Advisor, a position she held under Pres. George W. Bush from 2001 to 2005 before becoming the first African-American woman to serve as Secretary of State in 2005.

Additionally, Rice cofounded the Center for a New Generation in 1991 to serve students in East Palo Alto and East Menlo Park, California, and from 2015 to May 2016 she was the chair of the Board of Directors at the Foundation for Excellence in Education. [For more information, click here.](#)

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

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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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