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Former Governor Mitch Daniels To Speak At Reagan Institute Summit on Education

Purdue University president will be panelist in session examining future of higher education

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute today announced that Mitch Daniels, former governor of Indiana and current president of Purdue University, will be a panel participant at the Reagan Institute Summit on Education (RISE) in Washington, D.C., on April 12, 2018.

“President Daniels is an extremely valuable addition to the RISE conversation,” said John Heubusch, executive director of the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute. “He’s doing innovative work at Purdue to make a quality college education affordable and accessible, and we’re looking forward to hearing his perspective on American higher education.”

Daniels will participate in a panel session titled “Next Generation College.” The panel will explore questions on the purpose and future of postsecondary education in light of today’s unprecedented access to information and knowledge.

Daniels 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, former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, 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.

Daniels joined Purdue University as the school’s 12th president in 2013. Over the course of the past several years, he has spearheaded many initiatives to improve both the quality and affordability of higher education that have resulted in a 37 percent drop in Purdue student borrowing. These efforts include a partnership with retailer Amazon.com to decrease the cost of student textbooks, tuition freezes, housing cost reductions and the creation of the Gallup-Purdue Index as a new approach to higher education accountability. From 2004 to 2012, Daniels served as governor of Indiana, and previously served as a senior adviser to

Pres. Ronald Reagan and director of the Office of Management and Budget under Pres. George W. Bush.

Additionally, Daniels currently serves as co-chair of the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget, co-chair of the Aspen Institute's Future of Work Initiative and board member of the Urban Institute and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences' Commission on Post-Secondary Education.

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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The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute is the nonprofit organization created by President Reagan himself and specifically charged by him with continuing his legacy and sharing his principles - individual liberty, economic opportunity, global democracy and national pride. The Foundation is a non-partisan organization which sustains the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Museum in Simi Valley, CA, the Reagan Center for Public Affairs, the Presidential Learning Center, The Air Force One Pavilion and the award-winning Discovery Center, as well as the Reagan Institute in Washington, D.C.

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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