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Presidential Advisory Board Member Peggy Brookins Joins Reagan Institute Summit on Education

President of National Board for Professional Teaching Standards will speak on panel titled 'Three and Half Decades of Reform and Progress'

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute today announced that Peggy Brookins, president of the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards and member of the President's Advisory Commission on Educational Excellence for African Americans, will be a panel participant at the Reagan Institute Summit on Education (RISE) in Washington, D.C., on April 12, 2018.

"Ms. Brookins has worked for decades to serve students, and we look forward to her expertise in the discussion," said John Heubusch, executive director of the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute. "As we look at how the American education system has shifted since the 1983 report, we expect her years of experience both teaching and preparing other educators to enter the classroom will offer a practical and important perspective."

Brookins will participate in a panel session titled "Three and a Half Decades of Reform and Progress." The panel will explore the trajectory of the American education system in the 35 years since the release of the "A Nation at Risk" report by the National Commission on Excellence in Education under Pres. Ronald Reagan.

Brookins 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, 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.

Brookins was named president and CEO of the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards in November 2015 after joining the organization as executive vice president the previous year. She also served on the board from 2007 to 2011 as a member of the CEO search committee and chair of the audit committee.

In addition, Brookins was appointed to the President's Advisory Commission on Educational Excellence for African Americans by Pres. Barack Obama in July 2014. She previously served as math instructor and director at the Engineering and Manufacturing Institute of Technology at Forest High School, which she co-founded in 1994. She has also served in a variety of capacities with many education organizations, including the board of inBloom, the Conference Board of Mathematical Sciences Ad Hoc Committee on Teachers, the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation and the Content Technical Working Group for the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers.

A National Board Certified teacher, Brookins earned her certification in Adult and Young Adolescent Mathematics in 2003. She has been awarded the Florida Education Association's Excellence in Teaching Award, was named an Aspen Institute Festival of Ideas Scholar and was inducted into the University of Florida Hall of Fame in 2009. [For more info, click here.](#)

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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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