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## **Reagan Institute Summit on Education Adds Student Voice To Speaker Lineup**

*Vanderbilt Junior Télyse Masaoay will participate in panel on 'New Basics' in education*

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** — The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute today announced the addition of Vanderbilt University junior Télyse Masaoay as a panelist at the Reagan Institute Summit on Education (RISE) in Washington, D.C., on April 12, 2018.

“We are excited to welcome Télyse and her voice as a student leader,” said John Heubusch, executive director of the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute. “Her perspective as a young person served by the American education system will be a wonderful asset to our examination of the best path forward.”

Masaoay 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.

Masaoay joins leaders in education, policy, business and technology participating in RISE 2018, including LitWorld founder Pam Allyn, University of California President Janet Napolitano, 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.

A junior at Vanderbilt University, Masaoay is a Chancellor’s Scholar double majoring in Sociology and Medicine, Health and Society. She plans to pursue a career in public health policy through a dual graduate degree program in law and health. In 2017, Masaoay was a fellow in Vanderbilt University Medical Center’s MPact Medicine Program where she worked on health disparity research and nurse assistant program tutoring. She also previously participated in the 2016 Reagan Foundation Leadership and American

Presidency program, during which she interned at the Navajo Nation Washington Office as a policy associate.

Masaoay is also an involved student leader on Vanderbilt's campus through a variety of roles, including head resident adviser in an upperclassmen dorm, secretary of the Vanderbilt American Indian Science and Engineering Society, member of the Programming Board's Speakers Committee, executive board member of Vanderbilt Tour Guides, member of Student Government's Vanderbilt Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Committee and an Alzheimer's Buddy.

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

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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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