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Reagan Foundation Bipartisan Education Summit Returns for Second Annual Convening

*National conference to bring together leaders from diverse perspectives for discussion
on American education and paths to reform*

WASHINGTON, DC — The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute today announced it will host the second Reagan Institute Summit on Education (RISE) in Washington, D.C., from April 10-11, 2019.

The bipartisan conference of leaders in education, policy, business and technology will build on the insights generated at last year's summit, which marked the 35th anniversary of the 1983 National Commission on Excellence in Education report "A Nation at Risk." This year's conference will consider the future of education in the U.S., specifically looking at the unique roles of state and federal governments in shaping our schools.

"[President Reagan knew](#) that the strength of our democracy depends on the excellence of its education," said Roger Zakheim, director of the Reagan Institute. "We began an important dialogue at RISE 2018, but that conversation is far from over. We look forward to once again gathering leaders from across a variety of sectors and industries to put aside differences and work together for the common good, discussing how we can help future generations of students and citizens sustain our republic."

Through various panel and plenary sessions, RISE 2019 will explore a wide range of education policy issues. Experts will weigh in on affordability and accessibility in higher education, the vital leadership role of states and governors, the changing needs of the workforce and creating a holistic approach to education, among other topics. Session themes include:

- Breaking Through: The Courage to Change
- The Workforce of the Future
- Measuring What Counts: Educating the Whole Child
- From P-12: The Challenges of Creating a New School House
- The Higher Education Horizon
- Setting Audacious Goals

The day of discussion will begin with an opening plenary on the power of innovation to catalyze change in our education system, and the event's closing plenary will feature a panel

of governors from across the nation and the political spectrum to discuss the current state of education and what changes we should strive to implement by 2020.

RISE 2019 is convened by an honorary steering committee chaired by [Sen. Lamar Alexander](#), chair of the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions and former U.S. secretary of education.

“Congratulations to the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute for continuing to spotlight the many challenges facing leaders working on education policy,” Alexander said. “I look forward to hearing and reviewing the perspectives of the influential leaders RISE has assembled, as Congress pursues updates to the Higher Education Act, continues oversight of the Every Student Succeeds Act, and addresses workforce training needs.”

RISE 2019 will be open to registered media. For more information, visit www.reaganfoundation.org/RISE and follow @ReaganInstitute.

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About the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute

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.”

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