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Reagan Institute Summit on Education Adds College Board Senior Vice President to Speaker Lineup

Trevor Packer will participate in panel on P-12 education

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute today announced the addition of Trevor Packer, Senior Vice President of Advanced Placement and Instruction at the College Board, as a panelist at the Reagan Institute Summit on Education (RISE), held in Washington, D.C., on April 10-11, 2019.

“We’re absolutely delighted to have Trevor join us for RISE,” said Roger Zakheim, Director of the Reagan Institute. “Thanks to his role at the College Board, he has unique insight into what it takes to prepare students to thrive in higher education. We look forward to his contributions and are confident he will bring valuable insights to the discussion.”

Packer will participate in a panel session entitled “From P-12: The Challenges of Creating a New School House.” This panel will consider the future of P-12 education in light of the reauthorization and implementation of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), looking to examine equity challenges and assess disruptive solutions. Local luminaries who have generated significant progress in their school systems will share insights, as will those who have formed partnerships with business, philanthropy and other outside entities.

“Every student deserves a high-quality education. The ideal of equal opportunity is the foundation of the American Dream, and it’s a steep challenge in a country as vast and varied as the United States,” Packer said. “Bringing together policymakers who recognize education as a shared responsibility, and who embrace the work of closing gaps and promoting equity in our schools, is an important way to help achieve this reality.”

Packer has led the College Board’s Advanced Placement (AP®) Program since 2003, working with educators across the nation to craft AP courses in a variety of disciplines, all with an eye to emphasize content and abilities needed for success at the university level. He brings an extensive background in academia to his work, having written on pedagogy and 19th-century literature, as well as having taught literature and composition to students at the City University of New York and Brigham Young University. In addition to managing the AP Program, he runs the College Board’s Instruction division.

Packer joins other leaders in education, policy, business and technology participating in RISE 2019, including Pennsylvania Secretary of Education Pedro Rivera, Rep. Virginia Foxx and many others. Throughout the conference, bipartisan panels and plenaries will foster conversation on a wide range of education policy issues. These issues include developing a holistic approach to education, preparing students for the job market of the future, surveying the higher education horizon and setting audacious national goals for our education system.

RISE 2019 is open to registered media. For more information, visit www.reaganfoundation.org/reagan-institute or follow RISE on Twitter @ReaganInstitute. Join the conversation with #RISE2019.

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