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**Reagan Institute Summit on Education Welcomes Online Education Innovator Sal Khan**

*Khan Academy founder to participate in panel on change in education and accept RISE Award for work to expand access to education*

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** — The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute today announced that Sal Khan, founder of the innovative and free education nonprofit Khan Academy, will serve as a panelist at the Reagan Institute Summit on Education (RISE), held in Washington, D.C. on April 10-11, 2019. He is also a recipient of the 2019 RISE Award, presented at the conference to individuals and organizations that have demonstrated outstanding dedication to improving education in the U.S.

“We’re absolutely delighted to welcome Sal to RISE this year,” said Roger Zakheim, Director of the Reagan Institute. “Millions have benefited from his innovative approach to education, and we’re eager to both honor his work and learn from his insights on how continuing to drive new approaches and develop new systems that work for students, teachers and parents alike.”

Khan will participate in a panel entitled “Breaking Through: The Courage to Change,” which seeks to push beyond outdated practices in American education, identifying paths forward and envisioning innovative solutions to equip students for a changing world.

“Society is at an important inflection point,” says Khan. “How will we prepare students to lead purpose-driven lives when their future careers are likely to be defined by artificial intelligence and automation? I’m looking forward to join with other dedicated leaders and innovators who are working on the educational challenges ahead of us.”

Khan is the founder of Khan Academy, a nonprofit organization with a mission to provide a free, world-class education to anyone, anywhere. What started as Khan’s personal project to help a family member struggling with her schoolwork has grown into a global platform available in more than 30 languages for more than 70 million registered users around the world. This work to expand access to education for students regardless of potentially limiting circumstances will be honored at RISE 2019 with the RISE Award.

A former financial analyst, Khan holds three degrees from MIT and an MBA from Harvard. He has been featured by *60 Minutes* and *Forbes*, listed as one of *TIME*’s 100 Most Influential

People in the World and is the author of “The One World Schoolhouse: Education Reimagined.”

Khan joins many other leaders in education, policy, business and technology participating in RISE 2019, including Rep. Virginia Foxx and Pennsylvania Secretary of Education Pedro Rivera. 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](http://www.reaganfoundation.org/reagan-institute) or follow RISE on Twitter @ReaganInstitute. Join the conversation with #RISE2019.

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