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Reagan Institute Summit Welcomes Microsoft 's Mary Snapp to Speaker Lineup
Corporate Vice President of Microsoft Philanthropies to participate in panel on modern workforce education

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute today announced that Corporate Vice President of Microsoft Philanthropies Mary Snapp will serve as a panelist at the Reagan Institute Summit on Education (RISE), held in Washington, D.C. on April 10-11, 2019.

“Mary has been instrumental in Microsoft’s efforts to revolutionize career training and education,” said Roger Zakheim, Director of the Reagan Institute. “With her guidance, Microsoft gave over \$1 billion in the last fiscal year alone, much of it directed to cutting-edge education initiatives. She has deep insight into how we can prepare our students to thrive in a world that technology continues to transform. We look forward to hearing her thoughts.”

Snapp will participate in a panel session entitled “The Workforce of the Future.” As the cost of traditional four-year colleges continues to rise and the range of alternative credentials diversify, this panel aims to forge a bipartisan consensus on policies that will shape students not merely for a long career in the workforce, but also for a lifetime of learning, reskilling and upskilling.

As Corporate Vice President of Microsoft Philanthropies, Snapp leads the company’s philanthropic investments in building a skilled tech workforce, engaging employees and leveraging technology for social good. She began her career at Microsoft in 1988 when she was the first female attorney brought on staff. She spent many years in the company’s legal department and sponsored its Diversity and Inclusion Initiative for more than ten years. She sits on several nonprofit boards, selected for their work in the arts, human services and diversity in the law. She holds a law degree from the University of Michigan, an MBA from Wayne State University and a bachelor’s from the School of Journalism at the University of Kansas.

Snapp joins fellow leaders in education, policy, business and technology participating in RISE 2019, including Sen. Lamar Alexander, Rep. Virginia Foxx, Sen. Tim Kaine, Pennsylvania Secretary of Education Pedro Rivera, the Department of Education’s Diane Jones, Founder of Khan Academy Sal Khan 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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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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