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Reagan Foundation and Institute Announces 2020 Reagan Institute Summit on Education

National bipartisan conference to bring key stakeholders together to discuss the state of American education and path to reform

WASHINGTON, DC — The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute today announced it will host the third annual Reagan Institute Summit on Education (RISE) at the Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center in Washington, D.C., June 17-18, 2020.

“President Ronald Reagan knew how vital an effective education system is for the continued success of America as a nation,” said Roger Zakheim, director of the Reagan Institute. “RISE 2020 will profile experts from across a variety of sectors and industries who will share their diverse insight and experience, driving pivotal conversation in the field of education. We are confident our third Summit will bring to light the most pressing issues facing our students, families, educators, and policymakers.”

Each year, RISE brings together hundreds of leaders and key stakeholders in education — including members of Congress, higher education administrators, and leaders from the Department of Education and industry — to examine the challenges and fortify the strengths of the U.S. education system.

“Transformational education reform requires collaboration, which is why I am delighted to join the many leaders, policymakers, educators, and innovators at RISE who are ready to tackle these challenges head on,” said the Honorable Phil Bryant, former Governor of Mississippi. “By working together, we can ensure every student has the opportunity to reach their full potential.”

At *RISE 2020: Lifting State Leadership*, panelists will assess the current educational shift from federal to state and local control and the evolving role of the states and gubernatorial leadership.

“At The Hunt Institute, we believe that America’s future can be secured through quality education,” said The Honorable Jim Hunt, former Governor of North Carolina and Chair of The Hunt Institute Board of Directors. “We are proud to partner with the Ronald Reagan Institute on RISE 2020, where leaders will join together and forge a bipartisan path to improve America’s education system together.”

“As the education, economic and political landscape continues to change rapidly, it is important we have stable policies in place that will ensure students are prepared for success both in school and beyond,” said the Honorable Susana Martinez, former Governor of New Mexico. “I am honored to be joining some of the best and brightest minds at RISE to discuss how we can continue to prioritize the future of our children and improve education in the United States.”

“Partnerships are the key to closing the education attainment gap across the country,” said Arkansas Governor Asa Hutchinson. “I look forward to attending RISE and sharing the successes Arkansas has had with public-private education partnerships. It will also be a great opportunity to discuss ways to ensure students everywhere receive the education and training they need to succeed in today’s competitive workforce, especially in areas of science, math and technology.”

RISE 2020 will be open to registered media. For more information, visit www.reaganfoundation.org/RISE and follow [@ReaganInstitute](https://twitter.com/ReaganInstitute).

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