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Reagan Institute Summit on Education Announces Speakers

National bipartisan conference will feature former Secretary of Education Arne Duncan, 66th Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, experts and industry leaders from across the education community.

WASHINGTON, DC — The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute announced speakers for its sixth annual Reagan Institute Summit on Education (RISE) at the Ronald Reagan Institute in Washington, DC, and online, May 24 - 25, 2023.

This year's theme: *The Nation's Next Horizon*, will reflect on America's recovery and resilience and assess the state of education forty years after President Ronald Reagan's seminal "A Nation at Risk" report released in 1983. The virtual and in-person panels discussions taking place at RISE 2023 will include compelling discussions on, the future of financial aid; policies to strengthen the teaching profession; the role of technology in facilitating educational grants; and teaching in the age of artificial intelligence.

RISE offers a platform for experts with a diverse range of experiences to engage in civil discourse and identify mutual goals to strengthen our education system and prepare the next generation for the challenges of the 22nd century.

RISE will convene current and former Administration officials, two sitting governors, as well as industry leaders from across the education spectrum who will address the health of the U.S. education system. The Reagan Institute is proud to announce the following confirmed speakers at RISE 2023:

- James Kvaal, Under Secretary of Education
- Condoleezza Rice, former United States Secretary of State
- Arne Duncan, former United States Secretary of Education
- Bill Kristol, former Chief of Staff to the Vice President of the United States
- Jared Polis, Governor of Colorado
- Kim Reynolds, Governor of Iowa
- Jim Douglas, former Governor of Vermont
- Mitch Daniels, former Governor of Indiana
- Larry Hogan, former Governor of Maryland
- Jacqueline Coleman, Lieutenant Governor of Kentucky
- Allyson Knox, Senior Director of Education Policy, Microsoft
- Geoffrey Canada, President of the Harlem Children's Zone
- Laura Meckler, National Education Reporter for The Washington Post
- Bill Poole, Director of Finance and Senior Advisor, Alabama Department of Finance
- Yolanda Watson Spiva, President, Complete College America

- Dr. Zakiya-Smith Ellis, Principal, Education Counsel
- Pano Kenelos, President, University of Austin
- Mildred Garcia, President American Association of State Colleges and Universities
- Penny Schwinn, Education Commissioner, Tennessee Department of Education
- Javaid Siddiqi, President & CEO, The Hunt Institute
- Marguerite Roza, Director of Edunomics Lab and Research Professor, Georgetown University
- Ben Wallerstein, CEO and Co-Founder, Whiteboard Advisors
- Joe Conner, Founder and CEO, Odyssey
- Lexi Gervis, Vice President, Impact
- Plinio Ayala, President & CEO, Per Scholas
- Jeremy Bauer-Wolf, Senior Reporter, Higher Ed Dive
- Dr. Cynthia Lindquist, President, Cankdeska Cikana Community College
- Maria Flynn, President and CEO, Jobs for the Future
- John Bailey, Senior Fellow, American Enterprise Institute
- Shalinee Sharma, CEO and Co-Founder, Zearn
- Hadi Partovi, CEO, Code.org
- Bruno V. Manno, Senior Advisor, Emeritus, Walton Family Foundation
- Phyllis Lockett, CEO, Leap Innovations
- Derrell Bradford, President, 50CAN
- Margaret Spellings, President and CEO, Texas 2036
- Emily Tate, Senior Reporter, EdSurge

RISE sessions will be presented in a hybrid format with a series of panels and conversations shown online on May 24 and in-person events on May 25, which will also be live-streamed. A complete event agenda will be available prior to the summit. RISE 2023 will be open to registered media. For more information, visit <https://www.reaganfoundation.org/reagan-institute/programs/reagan-institute-summit-on-education/> and follow [@ReaganInstitute](https://twitter.com/ReaganInstitute).

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