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HOSPITALITY LOUNGE || Located on Penthouse Level
10:00 AM – 3:00 PM ET
The Honorable Larry Hogan  
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The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation Mission

The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute is a nonprofit, non-partisan organization dedicated to the preservation and promotion of the legacy of Ronald Reagan and his timeless principles of individual liberty, economic opportunity, global democracy, and national pride. It sustains the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Museum, the Ronald Reagan Institute, the Reagan Center for Public Affairs, the Walter and Leonore Annenberg Presidential Learning Center, The Air Force One Pavilion and the award-winning Air Force One Discovery Center. Located in Simi Valley, California, the Reagan Library houses over 55 million pages of Gubernatorial, Presidential and personal papers and over 60,000 gifts and artifacts chronicling the lives of Ronald and Nancy Reagan. It now also serves as the final resting place of America’s 40th President and his first lady.

The Ronald Reagan Institute Mission

The mission of the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute is to complete President Reagan’s unfinished work and to preserve the timeless principles he championed: individual liberty, economic opportunity, global democracy and national pride. Specifically, the mission of the new Reagan Institute operating as an entity of the Foundation from both the Reagan Library in California as well as in Washington, D.C., is to move well beyond the Foundation’s mission to preserve the memory of our 40th President. The Reagan Institute proactively promotes his ideals, vision, and leadership example for the benefit of generations to come through youth education and academic alliances, scholarly work, and substantive, issue-driven forums.
Reflecting forty years back and projecting forty years forward, RISE 2023: The Nation’s Next Horizon will examine America’s recovery and resilience, grounded in the seminal Nation at Risk report released during the Reagan administration.

RISE will examine policy and practice from early childhood through postsecondary education and beyond. The imperative for education reform is even more salient as the United States emerges from the global pandemic. We must answer the call to modernize our education system and prepare for the challenges of the 22nd century.

RISE will operate in a hybrid capacity, convening a number of thought leaders, current and former administration officials and members of congress, state leaders, students, and educators both in-person and virtually. Notable participants over the past years include Dr. Condoleezza Rice, Mr. Sal Khan, Dr. Jill Biden, members of congress, governors, chief state school officers, and an unprecedented seven secretaries of education.

“Americans have not forgotten what education and freedom can do. They know that freedom is the only truly essential possession we have, and education is freedom’s guide.”

President Ronald Reagan
**MAY 24, 2023**

**VIRTUAL AGENDA**

10:00 AM ET

**Welcome Remarks**

Mr. Fred Ryan; Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute

10:05 AM – 10:50 AM ET

**Panel 1 || Recommitting to Excellence Through Access and Achievement**

Dr. Condoleezza Rice; Director, Hoover Institution, Stanford University

Hon. Margaret Spellings; President and CEO, Texas 2036

Moderated by Ms. Nancy Cordes; Chief White House Correspondent, CBS News

10:50 AM – 11:30 AM ET

**Panel 2 || Re-engaging Our Students**

Mr. AJ Gutierrez; Co-Founder, Chief Policy and Public Affairs Officer, Saga Education

Dr. Corey Morrison; Director of Mathematics, Chicago Public Schools

Mr. Tom Toch; Director, FutureEd, Georgetown University

Mr. Tailheem Wentt; Former Student, Roadtrip Nation

Moderated by Kevin Mahnken; Senior Writer, The 74

11:30 AM – 12:10 PM ET

**Panel 3 || The Role of HBCUs and MSIs in the Diversifying The Educator Workforce**

Mr. Daryl A. Graham; Senior Vice President, HBCU and Engagement, Strada Education Network

Hon. Sonya Halpern; State Senator, Georgia

Dr. Marion Fedrick; President, Albany State University

Moderated by Dr. Ashlee Canty; Director of Equity Initiatives, The Hunt Institute

12:10 PM – 12:40 PM ET

**Fireside Chat**

Hon. Michael L. Parson; 57th Governor of Missouri

Moderated by Mr. Paul Fain; Editor, The Job

12:40 PM – 1:20 PM ET

**Panel 4 || Supporting Parental Choice in Early Education**

Ms. Georgia Mjartan; Executive Director, South Carolina First Steps

Dr. Erica Phillips; Executive Director, National Association for Family Child Care

Dr. Katherine B. Stevens; Founder and CEO, Center on Child and Family Policy

Moderated by Dr. Dan Wuori; Senior Director of Early Learning, The Hunt Institute

1:20 PM – 1:50 PM ET

**Fireside Chat**

Hon. Jared Polis; 43rd Governor of Colorado

Moderated by Ms. Emily Tate Sullivan; Senior Reporter, EdSurge
Panel 5 || Civic Education: The Cornerstone of a Free and Democratic Society
Ms. Louise Dube; Executive Director, iCivics
Dr. Yuval Levin; Senior Fellow, American Enterprise Institute
Mr. Eric Liu; Co-Founder and CEO, Citizen University
Moderated by Mr. John Bridgeland; Executive Chair, Office of American Possibilities

Fireside Chat
Hon. Kim Reynolds; 43rd Governor of Iowa
Moderated by Hon. Jane Swift; 69th Lieutenant Governor of Massachusetts
Registration and Breakfast

Welcome Remarks

Mr. Dave Trulio; President and CEO, Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute
Hon. Larry Hogan; 62nd Governor of Maryland

Opening Plenary || The Imperative for Education Reform

Hon. Arne Duncan; Managing Partner, Emerson Collective
Dr. Frederick Hess; Senior Fellow and Director, Education Policy Studies, American Enterprise Institute
Mr. Bill Kristol; Founding Director, Defending Democracy Together
Mr. Geoffrey Canada; President, Harlem Children’s Zone
Moderated by Ms. Laura Meckler; Reporter, The Washington Post

Panel 1 || Six Decades, Trillions of Dollars, and Millions of Lessons- Charting the Future of Financial Aid

Dr. Beth Akers; Senior Fellow, American Enterprise Institute
Dr. Steven Taylor; Senior Fellow, Postsecondary Education, Stand Together Trust
Dr. Yolanda Watson Spiva; President, Complete College America
Moderated by Mr. Doug Lederman, Co-Editor and Co-Founder, Inside Higher Ed

Panel 2 || Teaching and Learning in the Age of AI

Mr. John Bailey; Non-Resident Senior Fellow, American Enterprise Institute
Mr. John Grant; Civil Liberties Engineer, Palantir
Ms. Mary Snapp; Vice President, Strategic Initiatives, Microsoft
Mr. Pat Yongpradit; Chief Academic Officer, Code.org
Ms. Shalinee Sharma; CEO and Co-Founder, Zearn
Moderated by Ms. Alyson Klein; Assistant Editor, Education Week

Panel 3 || Tiny Grants, Big Impact

Ms. Caitlyn Brazill; Chief Development Officer, Per Scholas
Mr. Joe Connor; Founder and CEO, Odyssey
Ms. Mary Bogle; Principal Research Associate, The Urban Institute
Moderated by Mr. Ben Wallerstein; CEO and Co-Founder, Whiteboard Advisors

Luncheon
12:20 PM – 12:35 PM ET

**Introduction of the Featured Address**

Mr. Fred Ryan; Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute

**Featured Address**

Dr. Jill Biden; First Lady of the United States

12:35 PM – 1:15 PM ET

**Panel 4 || Beyond Boosting Teacher Pay: Policy Levers to Strengthen the Teaching Profession**

Dr. Penny Schwinn; Commissioner of Education, Tennessee
Dr. Javaid Siddiqi; President, The Hunt Institute
Hon. Jacqueline Coleman; 58th Lieutenant Governor, Kentucky
Dr. Marguerite Roza; Director, Edunomics Lab and Research Professor, Georgetown University’s McCourt School of Public Policy
Moderated by Mr. Juan Perez Jr.; Education Reporter, Politico

1:20 PM – 2:00 PM ET

**Panel 5 || The Frontlines of Democracy: How Universities Can Preserve Free Speech**

Dr. Mildred Garcia; President, American Association of State Colleges and Universities
Hon. Jim Douglas; 80th Governor of Vermont
Dr. Pano Kanelos; President, University of Austin
Hon. Mitch Daniels; President, Emeritus, Purdue University
Moderated by Ms. Moriah Balingit; Reporter, The Washington Post

2:00 PM ET

**Fireside Chat Introductions**

Mr. Roger Zakheim; Director, Ronald Reagan Institute

2:05 PM – 2:35 PM ET

**Fireside Chat**

Hon. Asa Hutchinson; 46th Governor of Arkansas
Moderated by Mr. Chuck Todd; Host, NBC’s Meet the Press

2:35 PM – 3:05 PM ET

**Fireside Chat**

Hon. Wes Moore; 63rd Governor of Maryland
Moderated by Mr. Chuck Todd; Host, NBC’s Meet the Press

3:10 PM – 3:45 PM ET

**Fireside Chat**

Hon. James Kvaal; Under Secretary of Education, U.S. Department of Education
Moderated by Ms. Cheryl Oldham; Vice President of Education Policy, U.S. Chamber of Commerce
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In-Person Agenda Continued

3:50 PM – 4:30 PM ET
Panel 6 || Building Connections Between Education and Employment: The Role of Higher Education Institutions
Ms. Maria Flynn; President and CEO, Jobs for the Future
Ms. Evelyn Gonzalez; Director of Clinical Workforce Development, Florida Memorial Healthcare System
Dr. Cynthia Lindquist, President, Cankdeska Cikana Community College
Mr. Scott Pulsipher; President, Western Governors University
Moderated by Mr. Jeremy Bauer-Wolf; Reporter, Higher Ed Dive

4:35 PM – 5:15 PM ET
Closing Plenary || Renewing the Call - “The Twin Goals of Equity and High-Quality Schooling”
Mr. Derrell Bradford; President, 50CAN
Hon. Aimee Guidera; Secretary of Education, Virginia
Ms. Phyllis Lockett; CEO and Founder, LEAP Innovations
Moderated by Dr. Bruno Manno; Senior Advisor, Emeritus, K-12 Education Program, Walton Family Foundation

5:15 PM – 6:30 PM ET
Cocktail Reception
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