HIGHER ED LEADERS FORUM AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31 – OPENING SESSION

5– 6 p.m. Registration

6– 6:10 p.m. Welcome Remarks
Adam Bryant, Editorial Director of Live Journalism and Corner Office Columnist, The New York Times

6:10– 6:45 p.m. Education in the Post-Truth Era
The core mission of journalism and education is in many ways the same: seeking and discovering the truth. In this moment of fake news and alternative facts, how do we ensure that truth and knowledge prevail?

Dean Baquet, Executive Editor, The New York Times
Dr. Amy Gutmann, President, University of Pennsylvania
In conversation with Jim Rutenberg, Media Columnist, The New York Times

6:45– 7:15 p.m. Should College Be Free?
As the college affordability crisis worsens, calls for a new approach — free tuition offered by states — grow louder. For all the obvious benefits, many say the idea is unsustainable, impractical and ultimately damaging to higher education. The governor of Rhode Island discusses her ambitious plan.

Gina Raimondo, Governor, State of Rhode Island
In conversation with Frank Bruni, Op-Ed Columnist, The New York Times

7:15– 8:30 p.m. Cocktail Reception

THURSDAY, JUNE 1 – CONFERENCE

8–9 a.m. Registration and Breakfast

9–9:10 a.m. Introductory remarks

9:10–9:35 a.m. A Conversation with Lawrence H. Summers
The former Treasury Secretary and President Emeritus of Harvard offers his outlook on the global economy, the social and political trends driving policy today, and how education leaders can prepare for the future in an unpredictable climate.
Innovation in the Age of Disruption
In an era of dizzying technological change — disrupting nearly every aspect of the global economy — how can institutions stay a step ahead to make sure their graduates meet the demands of the 21st century? Innovators share their insights.

Ryan Craig, Managing Director, University Ventures
Michael M. Crow, President, Arizona State University
Gordon Jones, Founding Dean, College of Innovation + Design, Boise State University

In conversation with Kate Zernike, National Education Reporter, The New York Times

Campus Matters: Fighting Racial Bias on Campus
Reports of racial tension are on the rise. How can higher education follow through on its commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion? What are the most effective strategies?

Shaun R. Harper, Professor and Executive Director of the Center for the Study of Race and Equity in Education, University of Pennsylvania

Up in Arms Over Free Speech
How can administrators and faculty encourage healthy debate and diversity of thought? Have students become intolerant of opposing views? For higher ed leaders, it is one of the most charged debates of the moment, and a challenge to bridge the moral and political divides on their campuses.

Jonathan Haidt, Social Psychologist, Stern School of Business, New York University
In conversation with Frank Bruni, Op-Ed Columnist, The New York Times

The Leadership “User Manual”
In this interactive session, Adam Bryant shares a tool used by many C.E.O.s for building high-performing teams.
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11:55 a.m.–12:20 p.m.  
**Constant Crisis**  
Student protest. Sexual assault. A rise in hate crimes on campus. How can leaders best respond to all of their constituencies, and the media, in the face of a crisis? What preemptive measures can be taken to prevent escalation?  
Dr. Ajay Nair, Senior Vice President and Dean of Campus Life, Emory University  
Julia Weede, Executive Vice President, Education Practice Lead, Edelman  
In conversation with Kate Zernike, National Education Reporter, The New York Times

12:20–12:35 p.m.  
**Campus Matters: X, Y and now Z?**  
They’ve been called “post-millennials” and the “iGeneration.” However you label them, Generation Z is coming to college. Are you ready?  
Jaime Casap, Education Evangelist, Google

12:35–1:50 p.m.  
Lunch  
TimesCenter Hall

1:50–2:15 p.m.  
**A Leadership Challenge Like No Other**  
Between them, they oversee 74 campuses with more than one million students, and have decades of experience in challenging and transformative roles. A discussion of their most powerful leadership lessons.  
Dr. Nancy L. Zimpher, Chancellor, The State University of New York  
Janet Napolitano, President, University of California  
In conversation with Adam Bryant, Editorial Director of Live Journalism and Corner Office Columnist, The New York Times

2:15–2:30 p.m.  
**Campus Matters: The Promise of Big Data**  
Fewer than half the nation’s students graduate within four years. Can big data boost student success? What's next in predictive analytics?  
Timothy Renick, Vice Provost and Vice President for Enrollment Management and Student Success, Georgia State University

2:30–2:55 p.m.
**Easing the Debt Load**
With student debt at an all-time high, is the affordability crisis pushing the current generation into economic catastrophe? The former head of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation discusses potential solutions to increase access and ease the burden on our most vulnerable students.

Sheila C. Bair, President, Washington College
In conversation with Andrew Ross Sorkin, Editor at Large and Columnist, The New York Times

2:55–3:10 p.m.

**Quick and Nimble: How to Create a Culture of Innovation**
What are the most important drivers of a high-performance culture? Insights drawn from interviews with more than 500 C.E.O.s.

Adam Bryant, Editorial Director of Live Journalism and Corner Office Columnist, The New York Times

3:10–3:30 p.m.

**Refreshment Break**

3:30–4:40 p.m.

**Give and Get**
Dynamic, peer-to-peer breakout sessions for attendees to share ideas and find solutions to the most pressing leadership challenges within their colleges and universities.

4:45–5:15 p.m.

**Succeeding at Failure**
Students need grit and resilience to thrive, but by all accounts, many of them seem ill-equipped to cope with failure. Can resilience be taught?

Adam Grant, Wharton Professor and Best-Selling Author
Julie Lythcott-Haims, Best-Selling Author of “How to Raise an Adult”; Former Freshman Dean, Stanford University
In conversation with Frank Bruni, Op-Ed Columnist, The New York Times

5:15–5:30 p.m. Closing remarks and key insights from Give and Get sessions

5:30–6:30 p.m. Closing Reception