Important Reminders

• Town Hall with EVP Rick Mills on Wednesday, January 8, 2020 at 12:00-1:00 in Spaulding Auditorium

Higher Education News


Higher Ed Inflation Lands at 2.5% for 2019 - Colleges in the US experienced cost increases of 2.5% in FY2019 according to the Higher Education Price Index

US College Leaders See Too Much Competition Ahead - School officials were asked to name the biggest issues their institutions would face in the next three to five years and how they would deal with them.

Another University is Leasing Its Utility Operations for a Huge Cash Infusion. Is That a Smart Idea? - The University of Iowa is seeking to bolster their budgets by leasing utility operations to private companies.

A Recession is Looming. Even Harvard is Uncertain About What That Means for Higher Ed - In preparing for a brewing economic recession, even Harvard faces uncertainty.

Why Colleges are Looking Online for Mental Health Care - Schools are trying new ways to keep waitlists down as more students seek counseling.

Is California Saving Higher Education? - CA is spending money to find solutions to some of higher ed’s biggest problems.

The Rise of Do-It-Yourself Education - Do it yourself is more than just a trend for crafts and home improvements - it is an ethos that has reached higher education.

Better Data on Competency-Based Education - More info about what works in competency-based programs is needed to inform policy and encourage the growth of this promising form of postsecondary education.

DeVos Wants to Spin Off Student Loan Office - The US Secretary of Education proposed creating a new, stand-alone federal agency to manage the Education Department’s $1.5 trillion student loan portfolio.

Despite Closure Fears, Enrollment Holds Steady at Private Nonprofit Colleges - Most of the lost enrollment from the last decade has come from for-profits which have shuttered with remarkable speed.

Greater Than the Sum - Shared services agreements can increase savings, enhance operational efficiencies, and expand opportunities for students.

How to Fix College Admissions - This article lists 10 ways to make admissions fairer and more transparent.
IRS Overhauls Form W-4 for 2020 Employee Withholding - New form allows for more accurate withholding, greater privacy for employees.

Online Enrollments Grow, but Pace Slows - Data shows that > 1/3rd of all 2018 students took at least 1 online course and that online enrollments continue steady growth as overall numbers dip.

The Free-College Fantasy - Proposals floated by presidential candidates are nonsensical. There’s a better way.

Fall Enrollments Still on the Decline - Enrollments for fall 2019 declined for the 8th consecutive year.

Cuts Averted in Budget Deal - Congressional budget deal includes meaningful increases in funding for higher ed & scientific research.

Has the Master’s Degree Bubble Burst? - Analysis suggests projections of rapid growth were vastly overstated.

What Does It Mean to be an Efficient University?

Regional News

Lessons from Vermont’s Demographic Crisis - What people are experiencing in Vermont may be what other states will experience in the coming decade.

MA Board of Higher Education Unveils Proposed Regulations to Screen, Monitor Financial Health of MA Colleges & Universities - Proposed regulations would annually screen for ability of colleges to financially sustain operations for the upcoming 18 months.

Change at the Top: Presidential Turnover a Common Theme Among VT Colleges - After Norwich University’s president retires this year, the longest tenured college president in VT will have served for 8 years.

In a Tiny VT Town, a College Closes & the Local Economy Slips - Impact of the closure of Green Mountain College on Putney, VT.

Dartmouth News

Letter by Letter, Dartmouth Websites Get a Fresh New Look - New typography will bring consistency to Dartmouth’s visual identity.

Top Stories From 2019: Dartmouth’s Historic Anniversary Year - The first in a 3-part series that takes a look back at a year of news.

Plans for Graduate & Professional Student Housing Move Forward - The apartment complex would house ~500 people.

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