



## Important Reminders

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

## Higher Education News

[Ratings Agencies Post Mixed Outlooks for Higher Ed](#) - Moody's & Fitch offered differing opinions.

[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.

[How to Fix College Admissions](#) - This article lists 10 ways to make admissions fairer and more transparent.

[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.



[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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