More States Turn to Public-College Mergers, but Easy Fixes May Remain Elusive - NH announced intention to combine the state’s 13 four- and two-year public colleges into one system.

Think Twice Before Rolling Out a Tuition Reset - It could expand application numbers but could also backfire.

Moody’s Predicts Continued Demand for Graduate Programs - Colleges that have the resources & ability to adapt quickly to new demand will be most likely to benefit from the heightened interest in graduate programs.

College Fundraisers’ Confidence Continues to Be on the Upswing

Giving to Higher Education Was Flat in 2020 Fiscal Year, New Report Says

The Antiracist College - This may be a watershed moment in the history of higher ed & race.

Could Fall Bring Some Return to Normalcy? These Colleges Say Yes

Endowment Returns Tumble - Endowments post lowest returns since 2016, but slide isn’t enough to keep 10-year averages from hitting a target.

It’s Time to Take College Student Hunger and Homelessness Seriously

SATs, Once Hailed as Ivy League Equalizer, Fall from Favor - Only 44% submitted SAT or ACT results this year, down from 77% in FY20 season.

The Shrinking of the Scholarly Ranks - Pandemic may do lasting damage to the pipeline of academic researchers.

More Doctoral Programs Suspend Admissions. That Could Have Lasting Effects on Graduate Education.

How Much Has Covid Cost Colleges? $183 Billion - The financial situation is dire but colleges that stay focused have a fighting chance.

The Rise of the Mega-University - At a time when many colleges are struggling with shrinking enrollment & tighter budgets, some have built huge national brands by subverting many traditional higher ed hallmarks.
State Higher Ed Funding for Next Year Looks Like a Mixed Bag - California, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa and Kentucky are looking at spending more on colleges while Georgia, Hawaii, Nevada and North Dakota eye cuts.

The Great Contraction - Cuts alone will not be enough to turn colleges’ fortunes around.

The Full Story of Admissions - Record applications totals are going to institutions that have plenty while others aren’t doing well.

Ivy+ News

University Plans to Host Outdoor Commencement at Princeton Stadium on May 16 (Princeton)

$20 Million in New Giving Marks Growing Support for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Initiatives at Brown

New Undergraduate Residential Neighborhoods Launch for Students Fall 2021 (Stanford) - Neighborhoods will intersect with new frosh curriculum & campus-wide programming.

Regional News

Vermont State Colleges Board Advances Merger Plan - Plan would merge 3 residential colleges (Castleton, Northern Vermont, & Vermont Tech) under 1 accreditation.

New Hampshire Governor’s Budget Pitch Would Send Millions of Dollars Less to Colleges Post-Merger - State would provide $14M less in funding in FY23 than FY20.

Dartmouth News

Plans Announced for Employees’ Transition to On-Site Work - Those working remotely will likely begin returning in September.

Paddock and Kresge Libraries to Close - Closures follow changes in lending patterns & use of the libraries.

Snøhetta to Lead Expansion and Redesign of Hopkins Center - Project is new milestone in Dartmouth’s $180 million Arts District investment.

Dartmouth Names Inaugural SVP/Senior Diversity Officer - Shontay Delalue has led diversity & inclusion initiatives at Brown University.

Dartmouth Adjusting Off-Campus Program Portfolio - Enrollment shifts, faculty interest, & budget considerations are causing the changes.

Undergraduate Applications Hit Record High - Applications are up nearly 33%, a second record in the last three years.