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Should Ivy League Schools Randomly Select Students (At Least for a Little While)? - College admissions have favored the well-off for ages, & pandemic has made things worse. Now is the time to change the process.

The 5 Biggest Lessons We’ve Learned About How Coronavirus Spreads on Campus

Did Students in College Housing Learn Better? - A survey of students who lived on or near campus during the fall semester showed they had positive learning & social experiences, even if classes were online.

Rating Agencies Issue Dour Higher Ed Outlook Next Year - Two bond rating agencies issued pessimistic outlooks for higher ed as the pandemic continues to strain enrollment & revenue, heighten long-term pressures, & hit certain institutions harder than others.

Mental Health Epidemic: Dark Shadow of the COVID Pandemic - Colleges are facing what may be the most severe mental health crisis in the history of American education. The next 3 months promise to bring the most dangerous & stressful period in American medicine.

Food Insecurity Among Students Continues During Pandemic - Nearly one-third of students said they have experienced food insecurity since the beginning of the pandemic.

Reader’s Choice: Your Favorite Leadership Advice - Best leadership advice provided by the Center for Creative Leadership over the past 12 months.

Psychological Safety: An Overlooked Secret to Organizational Performance - There are a number of small behaviors leaders can cultivate to help their teams take more interpersonal risks to increase psychological safety.

Lessons From Fall Reopenings Change Colleges’ Future Plans - Some schools aim to increase in-person offerings and testing next term; others intend to scale back or focus on wastewater monitoring.

**Back to Campus** - While most institutions are staying the course with what they did in the fall, some are planning to expand in-person options for students in the spring.

**Not-So-Fait Accompli** - University of Vermont announced cuts to the liberal arts are happening. The bigger story: how universities are seizing on COVID-19 to push through long-desired curricular and staffing reforms.

**New Model Proposed for College Football’s Biggest Players** - College leaders who believe that athletics have strayed from a student-centered mission recommend structural overhaul for top Division I football programs.

**Saving the Semester for Staff** - There may not be classes, but the campus is still open, and so the staff are expected to be at work.

**College Scorecard Now Includes Wage Data Based on Field** - The scorecard now provides new median income data for students two years out from their date of graduation.

**10 Steps to Reform Graduate Education in Humanities** - Here’s what professors & admins should do to fix broken grad system.

**Ivy+ News**

**Winter Quarter and Undergraduate Return** (Stanford) - Frosh & sophomores will be allowed to live on campus in winter term after a 2-week delay due to COVID.

**College Expands Undergraduate Cohorts Invited to Campus for Spring** (Harvard) - After successful fall, admin plans for 3,100 students, the max density of single bedrooms.

**By the Numbers: The FY20 Climate and Sustainability Annual Report** (Penn) - Highlights from the report show progress on reducing carbon emissions, expanding sustainability transit, and increasing academic outreach.

**Bollinger Calls on Biden to End the Trump Administration’s Assault on the International Exchange of Ideas** (Columbia) - Columbia’s president says that costly and consequential federal policies have damaged ability to attract top academic talent from around globe.

**Dartmouth News**

**Undergraduates’ Return to Campus Will Be Delayed** - Winter term will begin remotely, with residential students returning in mid-Jan.

**Work Continues on Green Energy Project** - Planners are considering a portfolio of sustainable energy solutions.