Enrollment woes hit both private and public colleges in 2023, S&P reports - Analysts with the ratings agency described a “tough year” in the higher ed world as revenue pressures ran into rising costs.

Private colleges likely won’t see big net tuition growth anytime soon, Fitch says - Fitch Ratings found a 1.1% year-over-year increase in net tuition revenue for fiscal 2023, but this isn’t enough to preserve margins at private nonprofits.

What a tough private equity environment could mean for university endowments - Amid high interest rates and slowed dealmaking, a major source of investments for elite universities could become a liquidity headache, a new analysis finds.

Uncertainty Abounds at Annual Business Officers’ Conference - Discussion at this year’s NACUBO conference centered on higher ed’s battered reputation and the looming threats of more campus protests and election unrest in the fall.
Sticker shock: A look at the complicated world of tuition pricing - Despite attention to lofty sticker costs, the practice of discounting has reached new highs, confusing students and straining revenue for institutions.

3 policy developments that college business officers should keep tabs on - Panelists at the National Association of College and University Business Officers’ annual meeting highlighted major changes coming down the pike.

Yes, University Cybersecurity Is Still a Concern - A year after a massive data breach targeted dozens of higher ed institutions, university cybersecurity spending is at an all-time high. But experts say it is not enough.

‘We can’t cut anymore’: Can colleges recover from the gut-punch of inflation? - Cost growth in higher ed is easing after big spikes in recent years. But institutions remain under steep financial pressure.

Why Some Selective M.F.A. Programs Are Going Tuition-Free - Some M.F.A. programs at Juilliard and the University of Southern California, among others, won’t charge tuition starting next fall. But will it expand access to the arts?

Colleges Created Task Forces to Address Reports of Antisemitism and Islamophobia. What Have They Done? - The committees have made recommendations, but they haven’t resolved disagreements around protests or definitions of discrimination.

With thermal energy tech, Emerson College aims to decarbonize 100% of its heating - The technology will be integrated into the institution’s building management systems without requiring upgrades, retrofits or additional investments.

How will the rise of AI in the workplace impact liberal arts education? - Experts predict that skills like critical thinking and creativity will be more coveted as artificial intelligence replaces some technical jobs.
How Higher Ed Can Adapt to the Challenges of AI - The future is here. Now is the time to make sense of it.

The Endangered Small College - Many are on the brink, but they’ve never been more vital.

Tracking Higher Ed’s Dismantling of DEI - Resource aims to document the changes and help readers better understand how the campaign against DEI has actually reshaped campuses.

Why Colleges May Rethink Their Online Programs After 2U Declares Bankruptcy - 2U’s struggles have played out in what’s become an increasingly hostile environment for OPMs, as more colleges look to move their online operations in-house.

3 strategies colleges can use to retain employees - Speakers at the National Association of College and University Business Officers’ conference shared how colleges can show their value to workers.

Rules Banning Transcript Holds, Expanding Overtime Now in Effect - A suite of new regulations governing higher education took effect. Here’s what you should know about the key measures now in place—and the legal challenges they face.

Massachusetts draws in nontraditional learners with free college program - Gov. Healey credited MassReconnect for nearly doubling the number of adults ages 25+ who are enrolled in the state’s two-year institutions.
Michigan Offers High School Grads Free Community College

What Will Graduate Education Look Like in 2035? - Predictions and hopes for the future of Ph.D. training.

Ivy+ News

A $1B Donation to Johns Hopkins Makes Med School Free for Most - The historic donation will also help many medical students cover living expenses and provide some financial aid for students from middle- and low-income backgrounds enrolled in nursing and other health care–related grad programs.

Why Northeastern Keeps Acquiring Colleges - Many small nonprofit schools are struggling.

William & Mary Lands $100M Gift for Marine Science Research

Dartmouth News

Faculty to Vote on Arts and Sciences Proposal in October - The schedule gives more time to share a revised version with stakeholders.

Kenya Tyson Named Vice Provost for Strategic Initiatives - The role includes overseeing Dartmouth’s digital and online learning unit.

James Dobson Named Special Advisor to the Provost for AI - The digital humanities expert has written extensively about technology.

Jennifer Rosales Named SVP for Community and Campus Life - The role is one of several staff changes aimed at strengthening Dartmouth’s community.

Drilling Planned for Geo-Exchange Borefield - The Athletics District will host the start of work to reduce carbon emissions.
F&A Professional Development Events

Check out HR’s Course Catalog which lists numerous professional development opportunities, with courses available through December.

Mini-Session: How Finance uses Agiloft for System Access
Thursday, August 8, 10:00 - 10:45 - Zoom
Discover the magic behind how we use Agiloft to simplify and manage access to our Financial systems. Learn the ins and outs of System Access records and see how we've turned this complex process into a streamlined and efficient experience. Don't miss out!

CFO Coffee Break
Wednesday, August 14, 11:00 - 12:00 - Here @ Dartmouth
Join us for our next CFO Coffee Break with special guests, Patrick O’Hern, Senior Director Project Management Services, and Roger Wakeman, newly appointed VP of Facilities and Energy. Don’t missed this fantastic opportunity!

F&A Summer Picnic - Friday, August 16, 11:30 - 3:00 - Dartmouth Skiway

DEIB Discussion: What is White Supremacy?
Thursday, August 29, 1:00 - 1:45 - Zoom
In our next DEIB Discussion, we will be taking discussing White Supremacy, what it is and how it shows up in our society. Here are several recommended videos that will be referenced in our next discussion.

What is white supremacy?
White Supremacy: America's Roots
Understanding Our Roots - White Supremacy is More Than the KKK
White Supremacy: Same Dog, Same Tricks-Time to Change the Training

Career Path Discussion: Tawnia Boutin
Friday, September 13, 11:00 - 12:00 - Zoom
With >20 years of transformative experience at Dartmouth, Tawnia has served as Director of Institutional Accounting, Senior Director for Accounting and Finance Center Operations, and currently as the Executive Director for Finance Operations. Join us to gain firsthand insights into Tawnia's career milestones, her strategic approach to problem-solving, and her work at Dartmouth. This is a unique opportunity to learn from a leader who has influenced financial services and operational excellence.