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**Welcome to New Hampshire's
Higher Education Summit**



**Friday, March 15, 2019
Grappone Conference Center
Concord, New Hampshire**

*Today is the largest statewide gathering
of higher education and business leaders in
New Hampshire addressing critical
issues facing our State.*

Speaker Bios



Jeff Selingo
Best Selling Author and Award-Winning Columnist

Jeffrey J. Selingo has written about higher education for two decades. He is the author of three books, the newest of which, *There Is Life After College* (HarperCollins, 2016), is a *New York Times* bestseller. Named one of LinkedIn's "must-know influencers" of 2016, Jeff is a regular contributor to the *Washington Post* and a special advisor at Arizona State University, where he is the founding director of the ASU-Georgetown University Academy for Innovative Higher Education Leadership. He is also a visiting scholar at Georgia Tech's Center for 21st Century Universities.



Thomas Harnisch
Director of State Relations and Policy Analysis, AASCU

Thomas Harnisch joined American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) in 2007 and currently serves as Director of State Relations and Policy Analysis. His responsibilities include research, policy analysis and communication to the AASCU membership and other external stakeholder groups. He helps craft the AASCU Public Policy Agenda and plans the Higher Education Government Relations Conference. His research and commentary have been cited in over 200 news articles, including in *The Chronicle of Higher Education*.



Sarah Flanagan
Vice President for Government Relations & Policy Development, NAICU

Sarah Flanagan heads the government relations staff of the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (NAICU). As vice president for government relations, Flanagan directs a comprehensive government relations effort, in coordination with related state associations, that focuses on issues of government regulation, student financial assistance, and tax policy. During her tenure at NAICU, Flanagan has been instrumental in a number of successful policy efforts, including securing sustained bipartisan political and funding support for the core federal student aid programs.



Dr. Barbara Brittingham
President, New England Association of Schools and Colleges

Barbara is also the President of the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education (CIHE). CIHE accredits 226 colleges and universities in the six New England States and ten institutions in five other countries. Previously she served as a member and chair of the Commission. She has served as the NEASC President since 2000. She was Dean of the College of Human Science and Services at the University of Rhode Island. She also served on the American Council on Education National Task Force on Institutional Accreditation.



Higher Education Summit AGENDA

7:30am ~ **Registration, Networking and Continental Breakfast**

8:15am ~ **Opening & Welcome**

- Mike Vlacich, President and CEO, New Hampshire College and University Council

8:25am ~ **The Changing Landscape of Higher Education**

- Keynote Presentation by Jeff Selingo, Best Selling Author
- Introduced by Dr. Todd Leach, Chancellor, University System of New Hampshire

9:15am ~ **National Higher Education Perspective**

- Sarah Flanagan, VP for Government Relations and Policy, NAICU
- Thomas Harnisch, Director of State Relations and Policy Analysis, AASCU

10:05am ~ **State Legislative Update on Education**

- NH State Senate/House Education Chairs, Senator Jay Kahn and Representative Mel Myler

10:15am ~ **Special Guest: U.S. Senator Maggie Hassan**, Junior Senator from New Hampshire and Member of HELP (Health, Education, Labor & Pensions) Committee

10:30am ~ **"State of Our Campuses" Presidents' & Chancellors' Roundtable Discussion**

- Moderator: Scott Spradling, President, The Spradling Group

11:15am ~ **Panel Discussion: The Mental Health Crisis: Impacts on New Hampshire Colleges and Universities**

- Moderator: Debby Scire, Executive Director, Campus Compact for NH
- Brigadier General Don Bolduc, US Army (retired)
- Ken Norton, Executive Director, NAMI NH
- Peter Evers, President & CEO, Riverbend Community Mental Health
- Shari Robinson, Director, Psychological and Counseling Services, University of New Hampshire
- Robin Burroughs Davis, VP for Student Development and Dean of Students, Colby-Sawyer College

11:50am ~ **Closing Address**

- Dr. Barbara Brittingham, President, New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE)

12:00pm ~ **Adjourn**