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NHCUC TO HOST STATEWIDE SUMMIT ON HIGHER EDUCATION

College and Business Leaders to Focus on Value of Today's Higher Education, Explore How to Improve Career Readiness

CONCORD – Former US Under Secretary of Education and current American Council for Education President Ted Mitchell will keynote a wide-ranging review of New Hampshire's Higher Education landscape, featuring the state's college presidents, policymakers and business leaders. The goal: explore ways to improve enrollment, encourage New Hampshire high school graduates to choose New Hampshire colleges and universities, and to deepen connections with area businesses.

"New Hampshire's public and private non-profit colleges and universities are integral to New Hampshire's economic success and community life. While we continue to broaden our efforts to make college more accessible, we face great challenges as a regional enrollment declines and federal policies may compound rather solve our student affordability and highest in nation student debt challenges, said Mike Vlacich, President & CEO of New Hampshire College and University Council. Earlier this month, the NHCUC wrote Congressional leaders to raise concerns about the Higher Education Act Reauthorization now being debated in both Chambers of Congress.

The morning schedule includes a conversation with New Hampshire college and university presidents, chancellors and CEOs, led by WMUR Political Director Adam Sexton; a keynote address "Changing Higher Education Landscape", by Ted Mitchell; a panel discussion with education and business leaders about "Aligning Higher Ed/K-12 Partnerships"; and closing remarks from Dr. Barbara Brittingham, President of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC). The Summit is cosponsored by NHCUC, Campus Compact for New Hampshire, GEAR UP New Hampshire and the New Hampshire Higher Education Assistance Foundation.

WHAT: Summit on Higher Education
WHEN: March 19, 2018 8am-Noon
WHERE: Holiday Inn, 172 N. Main Street, Concord
For more information and to register for this event, go to nhcuc.org.