



PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON TO JOIN BRIAN WILLIAMS AT NBC NEWS' 2011 "EDUCATION NATION" SUMMIT

President Clinton to discuss work of the Clinton Global Initiative in Summit's closing session

NBC News announces series of confirmed panelists

NEW YORK, NY—Sept. 22, 2011— Former President Bill Clinton will join Brian Williams Tuesday, Sept. 27 to close out NBC News' 2011 "Education Nation" Summit. Williams will provide an overview of the major headlines and key learnings to come out of the three days of events and panel sessions focused on various challenges and potential solutions spanning today's education landscape, and President Clinton will provide an update on the education commitments made through the Clinton Global Initiative (CGI).

"NBC News is honored to have President Clinton join us for this special closing event," said NBC News President Steve Capus. "As one of the world's most impactful leaders, doing critical work addressing some of our most pressing challenges, including access to education, President Clinton lends a brilliant, unique perspective to our Summit."

Since 2005, CGI members have made more than 2,000 commitments, which have already help to improve the lives of 300 million people in more than 180 countries. President Clinton joins a Summit lineup that also includes ten governors, members of Congress, federal government officials, mayors, teachers, parents, students, innovators and entrepreneurs, and leaders from the worlds of business and philanthropy.

NBC News also announced today a number of confirmed panelists:

- Claudia Aguirre, Principal, MS 247
- Nnamdi Asomugha, Cornerback, Philadelphia Eagles / education advocate
- Ben Austin, Executive Director, Parent Revolution
- Dave Barger, CEO & President, JetBlue Airways
- Janet Barresi, Superintendent, Oklahoma State Schools
- Erik Benner, Teacher in Keller, Texas
- Michael Bennet, U.S. Senator, Colorado
- Richard Berry, Mayor, City of Albuquerque
- Cory Booker, Mayor, Newark
- Ann Bradley, Director, AFT Innovation Fund
- Sharlonda Buckman, Executive Director, Detroit Parent Network
- Susie Buffett, Chairman, The Sherwood Foundation
- Warren Buffett, Chairman & CEO, Berkshire Hathaway, Inc.
- Jeb Bush, former Governor and politician
- Laura Bush, former First Lady of the United States

- Geoffrey Canada, President & CEO, Harlem Children's Zone
- General George Casey, former Chief of Staff of the United States Army
- Governor Lincoln Chafee, Rhode Island
- Ted Chambers, Teacher, Edwards Middle School
- Francisco Cigarroa, Chancellor, University of Texas
- Henry Cisneros, founder, CityView, former HUD Secretary
- Sharon Clark, Principal, Wright Charter School
- Jonathan Dearman, Teacher in San Francisco, CA
- John Deasy, Superintendent, Los Angeles Public Schools
- Vishakha Desai, President & CEO, Asia Society
- Arne Duncan, U.S. Secretary of Education
- Erica Ellis, Teacher, North Carolina
- Governor Mary Fallin, Oklahoma
- Jamie Fidler, Teacher in Brooklyn, NY
- Melinda Gates, Co-Chair, The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
- Jennifer Garner, Artist Ambassador, Save The Children
- Deborah Gist, Commissioner, Rhode Island State Schools
- Bill Green, CEO, Accenture
- Helen Gym, Founder, Parents United for Public Education
- Governor Bill Haslam, Tennessee
- Governor John Hickenlooper, Colorado
- John Hunter, Founder, World Peace Game Foundation
- Stan Jones, President, Complete College America
- Rhena Jasey, Teacher in New York, NY
- Sal Khan, Founder, Khan Academy
- John King, Commissioner, New York State
- Wendy Kopp, CEO & Founder, Teach For America
- Shelly Lazarus, Chairman, Ogilvy & Mather
- Governor Paul LePage, Maine
- Alfred Liggins, President & CEO, Radio One
- Governor Jack Markell, Delaware
- Governor Bob McDonnell, Virginia
- Ted Mitchell, President & CEO, NewSchools Venture Fund
- Pedro Noguera, Professor of Education, NYU
- Michael Nutter, Mayor, City of Philadelphia
- Governor Martin O'Malley, Maryland
- Governor Sean Parnell, Alaska
- Michelle Shearer, National Teacher of the Year
- Margaret Spellings, former US Secretary of Education
- Angel Taveras, Mayor, City of Providence
- Mark Tucker, President & CEO, National Center for Education & the Economy
- Diane Ravitch, Research Professor of Education, NYU
- Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, Mayor, City of Baltimore
- Michelle Rhee, Founder, StudentsFirst.org
- Brian Roberts, Chairman & CEO, Comcast
- Dennis Van Roekel, President, National Education Association
- Dennis Walcott, Chancellor, New York City Schools
- Governor Scott Walker, Wisconsin

- Nicole Warner, Adelphi Elementary School
- Randi Weingarten, President, American Federation of Teachers

For a full schedule of Summit sessions and information about live streaming, visit EducationNation.com/livewebcast. For the full agenda, visit EducationNation.com/2011Summit.

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"Education Nation" seeks to create a thoughtful, well-informed dialogue with policymakers, thought-leaders, educators, parents and the public, in pursuit of the shared goal of providing every American with an opportunity to achieve the best education in the world. These discussions cover the challenges, potential solutions and innovations spanning the education landscape. By providing quality information to the public, NBC News hopes to educate Americans so they can make decisions about how best to improve our education system both in the near and long terms, and to shine a spotlight on one of the most urgent national issues of our time, so that America can once again become the Education Nation of the world.

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