

EAB New Presidents INTENSIVE



**Hosted by
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Chief Partner Officer for EAB

Congratulations on your presidency!

In EAB's 2025 State of the Sector our researchers spotlight the dynamics driving change across higher education—narratives diminishing the value of higher ed, enrollment pressures, heightened costs fueled by inflation, continued tensions around academic freedom, free speech, and social justice, academic unpreparedness, escalating mental health needs, and AI.

We at EAB believe that this is a time when strong leadership in higher education is needed more than ever.

As such, our hope is to support your successful transition through our New Presidents Intensive (NPI), which has since 2020 counted over 200 college and university presidents as alumni. The NPI provides a data-rich and research-informed exploration of the key dimensions relevant across the current state of the presidency, creates a community of fellow new presidents, and highlights critical resources for ongoing support.

The NPI starts with a brief (virtual) welcome in mid-June, followed by an optional in-person session in DC and weekly two-hour virtual convenings across July.

We would love for you to join our Class of 2025. While there is no fee, we ask that you commit to attending at least four of the seven sessions so that we may preserve the integrity and value of the cohort experience for all.

I look forward to welcoming you in June.

Until then, my very best regards,

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, likely belonging to Sally Amoruso.

Sally Amoruso

Chief Partner Officer for EAB



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All session times below are in Eastern Standard Time.

VIRTUAL INTRODUCTION

Tuesday, June 17

1–2 pm **Welcome and Cohort Meet & Greet**

OPTIONAL IN-PERSON KICKOFF: June 23–24 (Washington, DC)

Monday, June 23

12 pm **Lunch & Introductions**

12:30 pm **Reckoning with Relevance**
Unpacking the Crisis of Public Confidence in Higher Ed

2 pm **Dynamic Strategy**
Embedding Rigor, Agility, and Accountability into Institutional Strategy

3 pm **Differentiating the Student Value Proposition**
Mapping Institutional Strengths to Student Benefits

4:30 pm **Institutional Self-Assessment**
Assessing Strengths, Gaps, and Presidential Priorities

6 pm **Networking Dinner at Fiola Mare**

Tuesday, June 24

8 am **Breakfast Discussion for Research University Presidents**
Exploring the Impact of Federal Policy Shifts and Beyond

9 am **Implications of AI for Higher Ed and the Future of Work**
Key Opportunities for University Leadership

10:30 am **Special Presidential Panel**
Lessons in Bold Leadership

12 pm (Working Lunch) **The President as Fundraiser-In-Chief**
Emerging Trends and Best Practices in Advancement

1:15 pm **Shared Governance 2.0**
Building Trust and Campuswide Engagement Around Critical Decisions

3 pm **Adjournment**

VIRTUAL SESSIONS: Every Tuesday Across July from 1-3pm EST

Blueprint for Growth

A Deep Dive into Enrollment Trends—Undergraduate, Professional, and Graduate

Rethinking Student Success

Moving the Dial on Retention, Persistence, Graduation and Career Outcomes

Critical Considerations for Achieving Financial Sustainability and Resilience

Hardwiring Academic and Administrative Efficiency

The New World of College Athletics

What Every President Needs to Know (and Ask)

Balancing Inclusivity, Free Speech, and Academic Freedom

Navigating Flashpoints and Policy Implications in the New Normal

GUEST PRESIDENTIAL SPEAKERS



Jonathan Alger, J.D.

American University
(President-Emeritus,
James Madison
University)



Dr. Gordon Gee

President, West Virginia University
(President-Emeritus - Ohio State
University, Vanderbilt University,
Brown University, University of Colorado)



Dr. Richard Helldobler

William Patterson University
(Former Interim President,
Northeastern Illinois
University)



Dr. Chris Howard

Executive Vice President and
Chief Operating Officer, Arizona
State University (President-
Emeritus, Hampden-Sydney
College, Robert Morris University)



Dr. Andrew Hsu

College of Charleston



Dr. Rachelle Keck

President, Grand View
University
(President-Emerita, Briar Cliff
University)



Dr. Alison Morrison-Shetlar

University of Lynchburg



Dr. Brian Noland

East Tennessee State
University



Dr. Kevin Ross

Lynn University



Dr. Cathy Sandeen

California State University
(Chancellor-Emerita, University of
Alaska Anchorage and University of
Wisconsin Colleges and Extension)



Dr. Meredith Woo

Professor, Arizona State
University (President-
Emerita, Sweet Briar
College)