



Article of the Month:

[What Critics Get Wrong About the Ivy League](#) (co-authored by Phil Hanlon)



Higher Education News

[Fitch Reports 'Deteriorating' Outlook for Higher Ed](#) - Report noted that rising pressures, including “uneven” enrollment trends, growing costs and flat state funding, are likely to financially hurt U.S. higher ed institutions - especially those with already tight budgets that heavily depend on tuition dollars.

[Trump Has Issued a Blitz of Executive Orders. Some Could Affect Higher Ed.](#) - The new administration’s clear opposition to DEI could prompt colleges to preemptively revisit their diversity offices and programs.

[How a Trump Executive Order Could Upend Colleges' Hiring Practices](#) - Antidiscrimination and affirmative-action practices at colleges that receive federal aid are no longer required and could be prohibited, several lawyers said.

[How Trump Could Devastate Our Top Colleges' Finances](#) - A 35% endowment tax would hurt students - and society.

[Colleges Expect Less Red Tape Under Trump, More Input on Policies](#) - Despite increased scrutiny of higher education and concerns about academic freedom, experts say the president-elect’s approach to policy could benefit colleges’ finances.

[Here's How Science Funding Could Change Under Trump](#) - Trump’s nominees have big plans for remaking the federal health agencies, with consequences for university scientists who receive billions in funding.

[December Brings Late Round of Job, Program Cuts](#) - Fiscal challenges of 2024 will extend into the new year with several institutions announcing plans to drop jobs and programs due to structural deficits.





[Private-College Presidents Brace for a Year of 'Conflict'](#) - At an annual meeting of the Council of Independent Colleges, leaders saw potential clashes everywhere they looked.

[6 higher education trends to watch in 2025](#) - College leaders will likely grapple with budgetary strains, federal policy shifts and continued enrollment challenges in the year ahead.

[5 higher education lawsuits to watch in 2025](#) - From Biden-era policies under fire to an antitrust suit against academic publishers, 2025 could see major legal waves.



[4-Year Colleges Ride the Dual-Enrollment Wave](#) - More four-year institutions are offering courses for high school students, dipping their toes into what has long been community colleges' domain. But can they get those students to enroll after graduating?

[Higher Ed's Grim New Normal](#) - Overcoming demographic headwinds will require more than austerity.

[What's Next for Colleges After Judge Vacates Biden's Title IX Rule](#) - Republican state officials are celebrating the order as a "massive win," but uncertainty looms for colleges as they respond to yet another Title IX change.



[Higher Ed Unionization Boomed Under Biden. Will That Change Under Trump?](#) - Graduate student labor ranks have swelled since 2020, and they joined faculty and other university workers in historic strikes. But the coming Republican federal takeover could threaten that growth.

[Affluent White Students Are Skipping College, and No One Is Sure Why](#) - Their attendance rate has seen the steepest drop among any demographic in recent years.

[No, Colleges Haven't Rushed Back to Requiring Standardized Tests](#) - It's one of four things revealed in federal data about admissions for the fall of 2023.

[Number of College Applicants Up 5%](#)



Ivy+ News

[Johns Hopkins, Caltech settle antitrust lawsuit for combined \\$35.3M](#) - Settlements, which are pending judicial approval, bring the total amount from 12 colleges to just under \$319 million.

[Philanthropy made it possible: Brown celebrates its most successful fundraising campaign to date](#) - Launched publicly in 2015, BrownTogether transformed Brown through a decade of unprecedented support that advanced excellence in teaching and research, financial aid, community impact and more.

[Brown Unveils Diversity Recruiting Strategy](#) - Brown University is launching a new initiative to improve student diversity, focusing on expanded recruitment and financial aid strategies to combat the effects of the Supreme Court's 2023 ruling striking down affirmative action.

[Brown University to slow faculty, staff growth as it attacks \\$90M budget hole](#) - The Ivy League institution is rolling out several measures to tackle the deficit over the next five or so years, officials said.

[Harvard University Doubles Down on Emissions Reductions](#) - Will new clean energy funding on and off campus be enough to meet its ambitious climate goals?

[With \\$252 million in projected debt, Barnard makes cuts to faculty and staff benefits](#) - The cuts are part of a larger plan to improve the college's financial situation as it faces a negative financial outlook for fiscal year 2025.

[Rice slashes student costs by \\$650M over 5 years with free tuition program](#)



[Historic Gift Will Bring Proton Therapy to Duke](#) - Proton therapy is a more precise type of radiation with fewer side effects than conventional radiation therapy. The bulk of radiation is delivered to the tumor, sparing healthy tissue. This is especially important for children and for tumors located in sensitive areas such as the head and neck. The \$50M philanthropic gift from an anonymous donor is the largest received by Duke Health.

[A \\$50M Gift for WashU Medicine](#) - Funds will go to the neurosurgery department to support cutting-edge research, medical training and patient care. It is intended to promote innovation in brain tumor research, spinal surgery and neurotechnology.



[Dartmouth News](#)

[Dartmouth Makes Progress on Top Priorities in 2024](#) - It was a year marked by commitments to housing, sustainability, dialogue, and impact.



[An Update on Housing Revitalization Work](#) - Construction is taking place along West Wheelock Street.

[Nina Pavcnik Named Interim Dean of Arts and Sciences](#) - The economist helped lead the proposal process for the new school.



[Dartmouth Stakes Out a Policy of 'Institutional Restraint'](#)

[Elizabeth Smith to Step Down as Dean of Faculty This Fall](#) - Government professor John Carey will serve as interim dean, beginning Sept. 1.

[Dartmouth Extends Term for Guarini Dean Jon Kull '88](#) - The structural biologist will lead the school through June 2026.

[Hopkins Center on Track to Reopen in the Fall](#) - The new Daryl and Steven Roth Wing includes a state-of-the-art performance lab.



[Dartmouth Men's Basketball Team Stops Unionization Push](#)

[Ivy League To Begin Participating in the NCAA Division I FCS Playoffs Starting With 2025 Season](#)



F&A Professional Development Events

Career Path Discussion with Tim McKean

Friday, February 7, 10:00 - 10:45 - [Zoom](#)

Tim McKean, Director of Finance Projects and Systems, is a highly accomplished strategic project leader known for his exceptional finance expertise. He has a proven track record of driving value, optimizing processes, embracing new technologies, and achieving planned benefits. Join us for an insightful session where Tim will share his experiences and insights.

DEIB Discussion: Mindful Strategies for Preventing Burnout: Planning, Presence, and Practical Tips

Wednesday, February 12, 11:00 - 11:45 - [Zoom](#)

In this discussion, we will explore effective strategies to prevent burnout by focusing on mindfulness and intentionality. We'll cover:

- [Planning Ahead](#): Learn how to use negative visualization to anticipate challenges and stay prepared.
- [Staying Present](#): Discover techniques to stay grounded in the present moment, focusing on your body rather than getting lost in thoughts about the past or future.
- [Mindful Social Media Use](#): Understand the importance of being intentional with your social media usage to avoid addiction and distraction.
- [Breaking Tasks into Manageable Chunks](#): Utilize the Pomodoro Technique to break down tasks and manage your time effectively.

Join us to share experiences, gain insights, and develop practical tools to maintain well-being and productivity.

CFO Coffee Break with Special Guest Jennifer Rosales

Tuesday, February 18, 10:00 - 11:00 - [Here@dartmouth](#)

Join us for our next CFO Coffee Break with Jennifer Rosales, SVP for Community and Campus Life, as she shares her vision for fostering community and collaboration. Don't miss this opportunity to connect and learn from a leader dedicated to making a positive impact.

Special On-Campus Mini-Session: [Cable Makerspace Tour](#) and Personalized Laser-Cut Keychain Decorating

Tuesday, February 25, 2:00 - 3:00 - **Location: Class of 1982 Engineering and Computer Science Center, Suite 003**

LIMIT 20 people (see 1/30/25 email from Finadmin Profdev for link to RSVP)

Enjoy a rich, demonstration-filled tour of the Cable Makerspace and decorate a laser-cut keychain.