



## **Article of the Month:**

[Moody's Downgrades Sector Outlook to Negative](#) - In December, the ratings agency predicted stability for higher education, but the Trump administration has upended that forecast.

## **Higher Education News**

[This Time, Higher Ed's Resistance to Trump is Being Led by Its Associations](#)



['Moving in the right direction': The push by wealthy institutions to enroll more low-income students](#) - Pell Grant recipients at colleges with the largest endowments increased nearly 5 percentage points since 2007, per a recent Brookings Institution analysis.

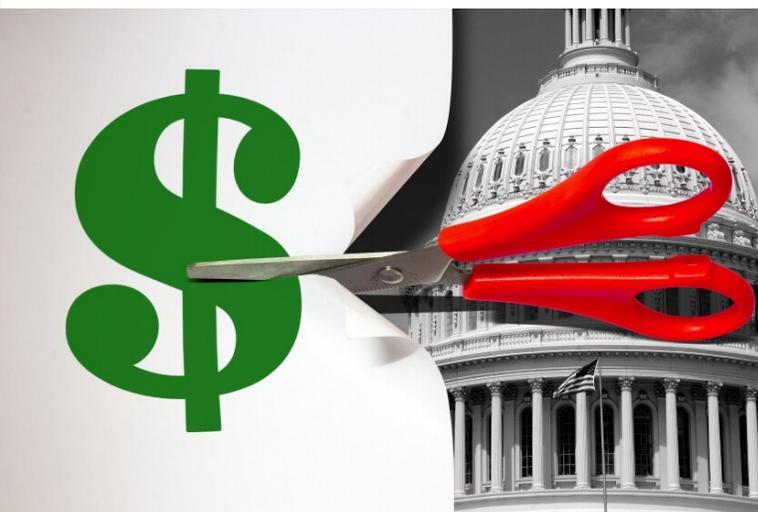
['Undercutting your future': What a higher endowment tax would mean for colleges](#) - The sector is worried about more risk, fewer resources and a disincentivized donor base as Republicans eye a bigger levy on university investments.

[International Enrollment's Precarious Moment](#) - International students are a financial lifeline for many colleges, and enrollments are just recovering from the pandemic. The Trump administration is pushing them away.

[6 Trump Trends to Watch Closely](#) - What signals should colleges be tuning in to amid all the noise?

[More Colleges Freeze Hiring Amid Federal Funding Uncertainty](#) - The latest wave of cost-cutting measures comes after the Trump administration pulled \$400 million from Columbia University and \$800 million from Johns Hopkins.

['It's a Black Hole': Facing the Prospect of Trump's Cuts, Colleges Budget With Trepidation](#)



[Philanthropic Giving to Higher Ed on the Rise](#) - Philanthropic giving to higher ed institutions increased 3% when adjusted for inflation between 2023 and 2024.



[Education Department Investigates Dozens of Colleges for Discrimination](#) - The Trump administration is following through on its threat to crack down on colleges' race-based programs, beginning with a small postgraduate recruitment partnership.



[Trump Plans to Shutter USAID. Here's What That Could Mean for Higher Ed.](#)

[New Trump demand to colleges: Name protesters — and their nationalities](#) - The demand for student information came after the administration promised to deport non-citizens who participated in what it called "pro-jihadist protests."

[After Cutting Half Its Staff, Trump Signs an Order Directing the Education Dept. to Close](#) - Order also calls for continuing most of the department's core functions, like financial aid and civil-rights enforcement. Congress would have to vote on an actual shutdown.

[An ICE Arrest at Columbia U. Stokes Outrage and Raises Legal Questions](#)

[NIH Moves to Consolidate Grant Peer Reviews to Save \\$65M](#) - Although university researchers don't believe the change itself poses a clear risk to the scientific review process, ongoing chaos at the agency is fueling a degree of skepticism.

[Trump-Inflicted Funding Cuts Could Lead to Overworked Faculty and Staff, Larger Class Sizes](#) - Many employees were already burned out when the government took aim at several revenue streams colleges heavily rely on.



## Ivy+ News

[Bowdoin Receives \\$50M Gift to Establish AI Initiative](#) - The gift, the largest in the college's 231-year history, will pay for 10 new faculty members, expand faculty-led research and curriculum offerings, and drive campuswide conversations about the benefits and challenges of AI.



[Columbia U Interim Leader Steps Down Amid Trump's Attacks](#) - The federal task force that pulled \$400M from Columbia said the resignation was “an important step toward advancing negotiations” to restore the funding.

[Historic \\$100 million investment to expand Engineering's Duffield Hall](#) (Cornell) - The largest commitment in Cornell Engineering's history, will significantly expand the college's existing Duffield Hall, creating a new state-of-the-art home for the School of Electrical and Computer Engineering and critical new lab space for strategic research priorities.

[Weill Family Foundation's \\$50M gift establishes Weill Cancer Hub East](#) (Cornell) - The initiative connects world-class experts from Weill Cornell Medicine, Princeton University, The Rockefeller University and the Ludwig Institute for Cancer Research to enhance a therapeutic strategy known as immunotherapy – harnessing a patient's own immune cells to treat cancer.

[Brown launches new master's degree program in sustainable energy](#) - Combining cutting-edge science, technology and engineering education with economic and policy instruction, the on-campus program will prepare students to be change-makers in the global transition to renewable energy.

[Penn Pledges to 'Address' \\$175M Federal Funding Cut](#)

[Johns Hopkins University to slash 2,000 jobs after \\$800M in federal cuts](#)

[Harvard expands financial aid](#) - New effort ensures that more undergraduates, especially from middle-income families, will receive support.

## **Dartmouth News**

[Dartmouth Applications Fall Following Return to Testing](#)

[Matt Raymer '03 Named SVP and General Counsel](#) - The incoming counsel calls the role at his alma mater a “dream job.”



[Trustees Elect New Chair and Two New Members](#) - Gregg Lemkau '91 will succeed Liz Lempres '83, Thayer '84, as chair in January.

[Board Considers Strategic Trajectories for the Future](#) - Trustees updated on housing and climate, interact with faculty and students.