

The Aspen Institute Names the Next Cohort of the Aspen Presidential Fellowship for Community College Excellence

57 Selected for Prestigious Program to Develop the Next Generation of Community College Leaders

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WASHINGTON D.C., August 22, 2022 – The Aspen Institute College Excellence Program (Aspen) announced today that 57 innovative leaders from across the country have been selected for the 2022-23 [Aspen Presidential Fellowship for Community College Excellence](#). The Fellowship includes two programs: the Rising Presidents Fellowship, with 31 aspiring presidents, and the New Presidents Fellowship, with 26 community college presidents who are in the first five years of a presidency.

“Research from the Aspen Prize and our playbooks makes clear that the student outcomes that community colleges achieve depend on the capacity and focus of their presidents,” said Josh Wyner, executive director of the College Excellence Program. “We are inspired and motivated by the dedication our fellows bring to advancing excellence and equity in student outcomes. We look forward to supporting their work during the fellowship year and beyond.”

Through the programs, each spanning almost a full year, fellows will work with highly accomplished community college presidents, Aspen leaders, and other expert faculty to learn about field-leading practices, define and assess student success at their colleges, and clarify their visions for excellent and equitable outcomes for students while in college and after they graduate. This diverse cohort of fellows—which is 64 percent female and 62 percent people of color—joins a network of nearly 300 fellowship alumni, 122 of whom are community college presidents today.

The Rising Presidents Fellowship, delivered in collaboration with the Stanford Educational Leadership Initiative, is made possible by the generous support of the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, Charles and Lynn Schusterman Family Philanthropies, College Futures Foundation, the Joyce Foundation, and JPMorgan Chase.

The New Presidents Fellowship is made possible with philanthropic support from JPMorgan Chase through the firm’s New Skills at Work initiative, which aims to prepare young people for the future of work and meet the growing demand for skilled workers, and JPMorgan Chase’s \$30 billion commitment to advancing racial equity and driving an inclusive economy.

For bios and photos of the new Aspen Presidential Fellows, visit:

- Rising Presidents: highered.aspeninstitute.org/meet-the-rising-presidents-fellows
- New Presidents: highered.aspeninstitute.org/meet-the-new-presidents-fellows



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