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Undocumented Young People Pursue the American Dream

Nancy was born in Italy and brought to the United States at age five. She graduated from high school and received her bachelor's degree from Towson University. She is one of more than 3 million Dreamers in communities across the country—undocumented young people who were brought to the United States as children. Like Nancy, less than one-quarter of them have been granted deferred action from deportation under the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program (DACA) implemented under the Obama Administration in 2012.

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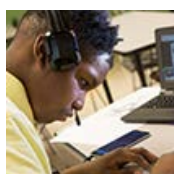


Governors Call Education the Key to a Strong Economy and Better Lives

What better way to wrap up the 2018 state of the state addresses than to focus on governors calling education the key to a strong economy and a pathway towards better lives for Americans? Governors in Oregon, Tennessee, Illinois, Pennsylvania, and Arkansas focused on the connection between education and the workforce and emphasized the importance of career and technical education, apprenticeships, and partnerships with local businesses during their recent state of the state addresses.

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3 Important Takeaways from Digital Learning Day 2018

Schools and classrooms across the country buzzed with excitement on February, 22, 2018 as thousands of educators and students celebrated the seventh annual Digital Learning Day (DLDay). The celebrations have come to an end for now, but here are three things we learned from another great DLDay.

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New Reports Focus on High-Quality Deeper Learning Experiences

This Deeper Learning Digest features a new guidebook on building high-quality assessment systems, a framework for project-based learning, lessons on deeper learning from Olympic athletes, and more.

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What Does It Take to Build a Workforce?

All4Ed President Bob Wise was featured on an all new podcast, "How to Make a City." Hosted by The Anchor Institute in South Carolina, the podcast focuses on urban development and regional planning. In this episode, Wise discusses how to prepare high school students with the skills they need to succeed in high-demand job areas and continue to advance as life-long learners.

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Upcoming Webinars

Future Ready Librarians: Curating Digital Tools and Resources

THURSDAY
MARCH 22, 2018
4:00- 5:00 P.M.
(EDT)

Future Ready Librarians (FRL) is kicking off its 2018 series of webinars with panelists Elissa Malespina and Joyce Valenza who will take a deep dive into the "curriculum, instruction, and assessment" gear from the [Future Ready Schools® \(FRS\) framework](#) as it relates to the FRL strategy of curating digital tools and resources.

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In Case You Missed It



Science of Adolescent Learning: Using Public-Private Partnerships to Drive Secondary School Improvement

This webinar highlights how a public school district leader and high school principal formed a beneficial partnership with the Center for Transformative Teaching & Learning (the CTTL), an innovative research and training center to bring science of adolescent learning (SAL) approaches to the system

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The Every Student Succeeds Act



To keep you up to date on the latest happenings with the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) and its implementation, the Alliance for Excellent Education has created a series of bite-sized materials – both print and video – that provide concise but comprehensive analyses of several key areas within ESSA.

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Federal Flash ⚡



Betsy DeVos Slams State ESSA Plans

U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos made some surprising remarks to state education officials about the plans they are developing under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). What did she say and what was the reaction from Capitol Hill?

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All4Ed in the News

Response to DeVos Critique of ESSA Plans

In response to Education Secretary Betsy DeVos' criticism that ESSA plans "meet the bare minimum required by the law" but don't take advantage of opportunities for innovation to help performance of struggling students, All4Ed's Phillip Lovell explained in the *Wall Street Journal* that "the problem isn't a lack of innovation...the problem is a lack of adherence to the law's protections for historically underserved students."

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Praise for New Mexico's Rising High School Graduation Rate

New Mexico recently announced that the state's high school graduation rate remains at an all-time high of 71.1 percent. All4Ed President Bob Wise praised the state's progress, while acknowledging the state's commitment to pushing forward, especially for historically underserved students.

"I applaud New Mexico's success in increasing the high school graduation rate for all students, including those who have historically been underserved," said Wise. "But New Mexico isn't stopping there. The state's commitment to ensuring its students are ready for postsecondary education after high school is vital."

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GOP Leaders Push for School Safety Funding

In the wake of the Parkland school shooting in Florida, Republican leaders in Congress are making pushes for school safety, reports the *Wall Street Journal*. All4Ed joined other education activists encouraged by this progress. "If there's any silver lining, it's that Congress is hopefully going to pay attention to this and actually provide the resources needed to address it, not just give it lip service," said All4Ed's Phillip Lovell.

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Yes, Betsy DeVos, Our Schools Are Innovating

Betsy DeVos should take a closer look at how schools are innovating, writes Kirsten Baesler, North Dakota's Superintendent of Public Instruction.

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