

A Turbulent Forecast: Navigating Choppy 2019–20 Higher Education Public Policy Waters

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It is vital to the well-being of colleges and universities to maintain and, if possible, increase federal support for student aid and scientific research while establishing a fair, reasonable and effective regulatory regime. But the public policy stakes and the uncertainty facing higher education in a turbulent, polarized, and partisan political and civic environment are as high as they have ever been, creating a complex and diverse set of challenges that will confront all institutions.