



MEDIA ADVISORY

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Tenth Annual Report on Student Debt at Graduation to be Released *Event will include panel discussion of changes over last decade, implications for federal policy*

Lauren Asher, president of The Institute for College Access & Success (TICAS), will present new national, state-by-state, and college-level findings about the student debt of 2014 bachelor's degree recipients, plus a first-time look at 10-year trends in debt at graduation by state.

The release and findings from the new report, *Student Debt and the Class of 2014*, will be followed by a panel discussion, "A Decade of Student Debt," featuring leading experts in higher education policy, including:

Doug Lederman – Editor and Co-founder of *Inside Higher Ed* (moderator)

Rohit Chopra – Senior Fellow, Center for American Progress; former Assistant Director and Student Loan Ombudsman, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau

Tamara Draut – Vice President of Policy and Research, Dēmos

Max Espinoza – Senior Vice President, Education Programs and Policy, Scholarship America

Kevin James – Research Fellow, Center on Higher Education Reform, American Enterprise Institute

WHAT: Briefing on student debt report, including 10-year trends in student loan debt, followed by panel discussion.

WHEN: Tuesday, October 27, 2015 from 10:30am – 12pm EDT.

WHERE: Capitol Visitor Center, Room HVC-201, Washington, DC

Student Debt and the Class of 2014 will be available on an embargoed basis on Monday, October 26 (embargo lifts at Noon EDT, October 27). To request an embargoed copy, please contact Shannon Serrato at sserrato@ticas.org.

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An independent, nonprofit organization, The Institute for College Access & Success (TICAS) works to make higher education more available and affordable for people of all backgrounds. Our Project on Student Debt works to increase public understanding of rising student debt and the implications for our families, economy, and society. For more information see www.ticas.org or follow us on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).