

EVENT ANNOUNCEMENT

The Role of High Schools in Preparing Disadvantaged Students for College

A Future of Children Event

Thursday, May 14, 2009, 9:00 am — 11:00 am

The Brookings Institution, Falk Auditorium, 1775 Massachusetts Ave, NW, Washington, DC

Postsecondary education can help disadvantaged young people increase their economic opportunity. However, disadvantaged youth encounter barriers in qualifying for college, paying tuition, and ultimately succeeding. Many scholars, policymakers, and advocates have come to the view that high schools should do more to prepare disadvantaged students for the academic rigors of college and to help them select a college and apply for student aid.

On May 14, *The Future of Children*, a joint project between Princeton University and the Brookings Institution, will release a policy brief discussing the steps high schools should take to help low-income students prepare for postsecondary education. The policy brief is a companion to the most recent issue, *America's High Schools*, which examines the reasons high schools are widely believed to be failing and proposes solutions. Senator Michael Bennet (D-Colo.), the former superintendent of the Denver schools, will deliver the keynote address.

Speakers and panelists will take questions from the audience.

Introduction:

Ron Haskins

Senior Fellow and Co-Director
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Keynote Speaker:

The Honorable Michael Bennet (D-Colo.)
.United States Senate

Overview:

James Kemple
Executive Director
Research Alliance for New York City Schools

Panel: Helping Students Pick and Pay for College

Cecilia Rouse, Moderator

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Michael J. Carter

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