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COMMISSION ON THE FUTURE OF UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION

The Commission on the Future of Undergraduate Education was created by the Academy to examine the current state of American undergraduate education, project the nation's short-term and long-term educational needs, and offer recommendations for strengthening all aspects of undergraduate education. Over a two-year period, the Commission sought advice and consulted with a wide range of groups and individuals, including meeting with two dozen U.S. congressional offices, with over 200 students and faculty from public, private, and for-profit colleges and universities, and with numerous experts around the country. The Commission also published a series of papers on topics ranging from student financial aid to college teaching to the economic impact of increasing college completion rates.

THE FINAL REPORT

The Commission's final report, *The Future of Undergraduate Education, The Future of America*, is the culmination of a long process of research and deliberation. As the report states:

“... [The report] is a landmark document that will serve as a guide for the nation's future. It is a call to action for all of us to work together to ensure that our young people have the opportunity to succeed in a global economy. The report is a testament to the power of collaboration and the importance of investing in our future.”

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