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Juan Williams to Host Discussion on the Fight for a Quality Education for All

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. - Former Florida Governor Jeb Bush and the [Foundation for Excellence in Education](#) <<http://click.cmdiemail.com/?ju=fe2810777063047d771d75&ls=fdf613797766077e74117975&m=fe5d15707d67027a741c&l=fea211707464017d77&s=fdf41578746607787d107977&jb=ffcf14&t=>>> (@ExcelinEd) today announced the 2014 National Summit on Education Reform <<http://click.cmdiemail.com/?ju=fe2710777063047d771d76&ls=fdf613797766077e74117975&m=fe5d15707d67027a741c&l=fea211707464017d77&s=fdf41578746607787d107977&jb=ffcf14&t=>>> will feature a conversation between Dr. Condoleezza Rice, former United States Secretary of State, and Susana Martinez, Governor of New Mexico. Award-winning journalist Juan Williams will host the discussion "60 Years after Brown v. Board: The Fight for a Quality Education for All Continues" on November 20 at ExcelinEd's seventh annual marquee education event.

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"Students can accomplish great things when their learning is prioritized," said Dr. Rice, 66th Secretary of State and a member of ExcelinEd board of directors. "We have a crisis of opportunity in our country, because too often children are not challenged to learn and reach their greatest potential. As long as we can look at a child's zipcode and know what quality of education they are receiving, the full intent of Brown v. Board of Education will not be realized. We must transform education in America so we have high expectations for every child and all parents have high-quality education choices."

"Helping students and schools succeed must be the goal of everything we do in reforming our schools," said Governor Martinez. "We must continue to focus on improving student achievement, closing achievement gaps, and helping every child to learn, regardless of their background. When we set high standards for our students and teachers, they always rise to the occasion."

"For decades now, the status quo has been unionized government schools with a near monopoly on education," said Juan Williams, political analyst for Fox News. "If this status quo is allowed to continue unchecked and unchallenged another generation of American students' will be lost. Children deserve better and are looking for bold state leaders to act on their behalf and restore the balance of power to where it belongs: with parents."

Governor Bush will open the summit with a morning keynote address on November 20. Our summit will feature discussions with a range of national and international leaders, covering some of the important topics and latest innovations in education, all focused on how to unlock student achievement through more choice and accountability.

The seventh annual National Summit on Education Reform will be held on November 20-21 at the Marriott Wardman Park in Washington, D.C. Annually, this event provides lawmakers, policymakers and advocates the opportunity to learn about successful education reforms happening throughout the world and together build consensus and form solutions to shared challenges.

Registration will close tomorrow; secure your seat before it's too late! For event details and to register, visit ExcelinEd.org/National-Summit <<http://click.cmdiemail.com/?ju=fe2610777063047d771d77&ls=fd613797766077e74117975&m=fe5d15707d67027a741c&l=fea211707464017d77&s=fd41578746607787d107977&jb=ffcf14&t=>>>. Stay tuned for more announcements on the summit's exciting agenda in the coming weeks. Members of the press interested in covering the two-day event must request credentials in advance of the start of the summit. Media registration will open online on Thursday, November 6, 2014.

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