



Welcome to Wednesday, April 19. Today we look at what Trump's latest executive order may mean for colleges recruiting students abroad, Richard Spencer speaks at Auburn University, and Andrew Mytelka helps us with academic coloring.

### **Executive order on new visas.**

President Trump signed an executive order on Tuesday to target fraud and abuse in guest-worker programs and increase federal oversight of the H-1B visa program for highly skilled foreigners. Higher ed ranks as the third-largest industry sponsor of visa recipients. The order could have a major effect on American colleges' recruitment of students abroad, as policies that block foreign students' pathway to work in the United States after they graduate can weaken international enrollments. The order could worsen the bad news for colleges looking to recruit abroad since a recent global survey of prospective students found one in three was less likely to want to study in the United States because of the political climate. For more on what the order could mean for higher ed, read our Karin Fischer's story [here](#).

### **Richard Spencer at Auburn.**

Richard Spencer, the white supremacist whose speaking tour has roiled college campuses, gave a speech at Auburn University on Tuesday night that focused on racial division. The Alabama university [canceled the speech](#) on Friday, citing safety concerns, but on Tuesday a federal judge granted Mr. Spencer an injunction that required Auburn to let the talk go on.

Outside the hall where Mr. Spencer spoke, students protested him and argued with one another about free speech and Black Lives Matter, among other things. Video showed that two students even fought during the protest, and the police had to handcuff them and take them away. For more on the event, read our Katie Mangan's coverage [here](#).

## Quick hits.

- March Madness games will once again be played in North Carolina, the **NCAA announced on Tuesday**. The first- and second-round games of the men's basketball tournament will be held in Greensboro in 2020.
- At the University of Utah's Huntsman Cancer Institute, faculty members **are protesting** the departure of Mary Beckerle, chief executive and director. They are circulating a petition to reinstate her.
- Six public universities in Illinois are on review for credit downgrades by Moody's Investors Service. The review could affect about \$2.2 billion of their debt.
- The University of California system will pay \$1.7 million to settle an employee's complaint that she was sexually harassed by the former dean of the Berkeley campus's law school, the **Associated Press** reports. The employee, Tyann Sorrell, will receive \$1.1 million, some of it over the next decade, and her lawyers the rest; she reached a **separate settlement** last week with Berkeley and the dean, Sujit Choudhry.

## Remembrance and contrition at Georgetown.

More than a hundred descendants of enslaved people sold to save Georgetown University in 1838 gathered on the Washington, D.C., campus on Tuesday as the university renamed two buildings in their honor. The renaming was one of a host of events that will be held over the next several days to **atone for the sale**. The university formally apologized for its **role in slavery**.

On Tuesday afternoon the descendants, some dressed in matching, commemorative T-shirts, joined administrators and several others in the courtyard outside of the newly renamed Isaac Hawkins Hall for a tree dedication and the reading of the 272 enslaved people's names. Some in attendance recited along as their ancestors' names were read. "It is well today," the event host concluded, "it is well today with the souls of the 272."

## The Talkers.

- "Financial literacy" is a favorite phrase in higher education, **writes Sara Goldrick-Rab**, but the focus on students' financial choices ignores the real problems in higher ed — and the real challenges some students face.
- Auburn University tried to block a talk by the white supremacist Richard Spencer on its campus, citing safety concerns. In *The New York Times*, **Geoffrey R. Stone questions** whether that justification for canceling a speech at a public institution is constitutionally permissible.
- Trickle-down tuition sticker shock is **limiting upward mobility** by narrowing the main gateway to the American dream, writes Christopher Dale, but he sees a ray of hope in New York's free-college plan.

## **The college-completion campaigns.**

College-completion campaigns often highlight the importance of attending full time, but not everyone can afford to do that. Still, there's good news for part-timers. **A new report** says that even if you can attend full time for only a semester or two, you're more likely to graduate. The report, by the Center for Community College Student Engagement at the University of Texas at Austin, says that full-time students are more engaged in campus activities and more likely to take advantage of tutoring and other supports. They're also more likely to get to know their professors and classmates, and those habits can carry over even if work or family obligations later force them to cut back to part time. —Katie Mangan

## **Just for you.**

The future is right around the corner. Exciting and terrifying, right? Well, I for one can't wait for the near future because I'm heading to a ballet tonight at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. But what about the students in college classrooms who want to get ready for their futures, mainly the jobs they'll get? How is your college preparing students for a changing work force? There's no simple answer, but with our new report, "The Future of Work," you can learn some of the best ways to do so. **Check it out here.**

## **Comings and goings.**

- Linda A. Livingstone, dean of the School of Business at George Washington University, **was named** president of Baylor University.
- Shane Jacobson, vice president for development and alumni relations at Grinnell College, **will become** president and chief executive of the University of Vermont Foundation.
- Jeffrey R. Breese, provost and vice president for academic affairs at Dominican University, in Illinois, **was appointed** vice president for academic affairs and dean at the University of Mount Union, in Ohio.
- Laura Bloomberg **will become** dean of the Humphrey School of Public Affairs at the University of Minnesota. She has served as associate dean since January 2013.
- Ken Schenck, a professor of New Testament and ancient languages, **was appointed** dean of the School of Theology and Ministry at Indiana Wesleyan University.
- Stanley Jensen, president of Henry Ford College, **will retire** effective June 30, 2018.

## Looking back.

A featured *Chronicle* article from one year ago: "[Many Colleges Profited From Slavery. What Can They Do About It Now?](#)"

... five years ago: "[Presidential Couple at Chiropractic College Draws Fire Over Wife's Role](#)"

... 10 years ago: "[Counselors Say Cases Like Cho's Are Hard to Spot as Students' Behavior Becomes More Extreme](#)"

... 20 years ago: "[Efforts to End Fraternity Hazing Said to Have Largely Failed](#)"

## Quote of the day.

"I spent a lot of time around men, competing against them and with them. I developed an ability to live and work in a man's world."

—Linda A. Livingstone, Baylor University's next president, [in 2008](#), during a *New York Times* interview about women in the workplace

## Footnote.

From *The Chronicle's* Andrew Mytelka:

Cognitive scientists have long argued that adults need play as much as children do, not just as a relief from the pressures of daily life, but as a means of fostering creativity, staying sharp, and keeping engaged, even in retirement. "We don't stop playing because we grow old; we grow old because we stop playing," George Bernard Shaw is often credited with saying. With that in mind, as well as the current popularity of coloring books for adults, the University of Chicago Press just published [Doodling for Academics: A Coloring and Activity Book](#). The short, satirical paperback takes a sardonic look at what a day on a campus is like for its faculty members, graduate students, and other denizens. And all the illustrations can be colored in.

But is this the right sort of book for a prestigious university press to publish? When you think of Chicago, you think of its authoritative *Manual of Style*, its large stable of important journals, and its huge backlist, which includes such influential books as Thomas S. Kuhn's *The Structure of Scientific Revolutions*. But a coloring book? It's worth remembering,

though, that despite its intellectual pedigree, Chicago has pioneered alternative visions of its mission. In 1976 it published three superb semi-autobiographical tales by a Chicago professor, Norman Maclean, under the title *A River Runs Through It*, a novel idea for a scholarly press at the time. We look forward to more such alternative visions.

—Fernanda and Adam

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