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Higher Education Conference:  
College Decisions, How Students Actually Make Them and How They Could

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The Mount Washington Hotel & Resort  
Route 302  
Bretton Woods, NH

**PRELIMINARY PROGRAM**

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 13:**

7:00 PM Welcome Reception and Dinner, Sun Dining Room

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14:**

7:00 - 9:00 AM Breakfast - Main Dining Room

9:00 AM SUSAN DYNARSKI, J.F. Kennedy School of Government and NBER  
*The Shift to Public Merit Aid and Its Effects*

DISCUSSANT: CHARLES CLOTFELTER, Duke University and NBER

10:00 AM SARAH TURNER, University of Virginia and NBER  
*Going to College and Finishing College: Explaining Different Educational Outcomes*

DISCUSSANT: CHRISTOPHER TABER,  
Northwestern University and NBER

11:00 AM Break

12:15 PM CHRISTOPHER AVERY and CAROLINE HOXBY,  
Harvard University and NBER  
*Do and Should Financial Aid Packages Affect Students' College Choices?*

DISCUSSANT: MICHAEL ROTHSCHILD, Princeton University

1:15 PM Lunch

- 2:15 PM BRIDGET LONG, Harvard University  
*The Impact of the Federal Tax Credits for Higher Education Expenses*  
DISCUSSANT: MICHAEL MCPHERSON, Macalester College
- 3:15 PM JENNIFER MA, TIAA-CREF Institute  
*Education Savings Incentives and Household Saving for College*  
DISCUSSANT: HARVEY ROSEN, Princeton University and NBER
- 4:15 PM Break
- 4:30 PM MICHAEL RIZZO, Cornell University and  
RONALD EHRENBERG, Cornell University and NBER  
*Causes and Consequences of Differences in In-State and Out-of-State  
Tuition at Public Institutions of Higher Education*  
DISCUSSANTS: MICHELLE WHITE, UC, San Diego
- 5:30 PM Adjourn
- 7:00 PM Reception and Dinner - Sun Dining Room

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 15:**

- 7:00 - 9:00 AM Breakfast - Main Dining Room
- 9:00 AM THOMAS KANE, University of California-Los Angeles and NBER and  
*The Effects of Expectations About College: The Boston COACH  
Program and Beyond*  
DISCUSSANT: BRUCE SACERDOTE, Dartmouth College and NBER
- 10:00 AM GORDON WINSTON, Williams College  
and DAVID ZIMMERMAN, Williams College  
The Importance of Peers in College  
DISCUSSANT: THOMAS DEE, Swarthmore College and NBER
- 11:00 AM Break

11:15 AM CAROLINE HOXBY, Harvard University and NBER  
*Secondary School Preparation, Remediation, and College Completion:  
How the Poorly Prepared High School Graduate Makes His Way  
through College*

DISCUSSANT: DOUG STAIGER, Dartmouth College and NBER

12:15 PM ERIC BETTINGER, Case Western Reserve University  
*How Financial Aid Affects Persistence in College*

DISCUSSANT: JON GURYAN, University of Chicago and NBER

1:15 PM Lunch and Adjourn

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