



REMAKING EDUCATION

What is Remaking Education?

Olin and Emerson colleges are seeking to accelerate change in education through a national gathering of leaders in industry, education and philanthropy on **Friday, November 2, 2018 at the Paramount Center in Boston**. In concert with **The Argosy Foundation** and **WBUR**, *Remaking Education* will assemble 360 from educators to entrepreneurs to activists for a day-long, immersive experience. Together, we will engage in challenging but critical conversations about what is traditionally valued in education; uncover the meaning in our personal stories as mentors, teachers and learners; and explore educational approaches better aligned with what we believe really matters.

Why is Educational Transformation Needed?

Are the values currently driving education really advancing *all* students, the workplace and society? Decades of educational research in the classroom, comprehensive national polls of college graduates, and faculty experience at Olin and Emerson all suggest we can do better. Educational experiences that provide emotional and social support and offer experiential learning opportunities lead to better engagement, deeper learning, and improved well-being. Unfortunately, these powerful connections and experiences are too frequently missing from classrooms. Remaking Education seeks to close that gap; helping people reach their full potential by unleashing untapped levels of engagement, energy and creativity

The current educational model is still focused on the transfer of content knowledge through lecturing, testing, and now through online classes. But so much more is possible. By taking responsibility for how we teach—and in particular, the attitudes, behaviors, and self-actualization beliefs we transmit and reinforce—we can have a significant impact. To work towards this shift in education, we need to:

- DEEPEN our insights into our own values to drive meaningful action for improved student well-being, consciously breaking down barriers across disciplines, institutions, businesses and other organizations to achieve more collaborative and creative solutions;
- DISSENT from the status quo by challenging ourselves, each other, and educational systems through positive collective action; and
- DESIGN new solutions, and experiment with new approaches.

Using storytelling to reframe problems and inspire action, Remaking Education will focus on what matters most to our individual and collective well-being. It will also provide collaborative opportunities with students to begin to conceptualize and design new ways of doing things.

Step forward! We all have an important story to tell and role to play.