



## **BIDEN-HARRIS ADMINISTRATION**

# **Higher Education**

President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris have worked tirelessly to prioritize making government work for us and our institutions of higher learning. Despite repeated political attacks against these institutions, they have delivered results time and again.

## **Invested in Our Higher Education Institutions**

- Signed American Rescue Plan which included more than \$8 billion in targeted spending to make colleges and universities safer and more accessible during COVID-19 pandemic.
- Provided increased funding for historically Black colleges and universities, minority-serving institutions and tribal colleges and universities to strengthen their academic capabilities through creation or expansion of offerings and programming in high-demand fields.
- Issued \$550 million to support creation and expansion of industrial research and assessment centers at higher education institutions, trade schools, community colleges and union training programs.
- Ensured higher education would not be defunded by requiring states maintain spending on higher education at proportional levels relative to a state's overall spending for fiscal years 2022 and 2023.

## **Increased Higher Education Preparation**

- Increased preparation for and access to rigorous coursework such as Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate curriculums.

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- Signed bipartisan CHIPS and Science Act, which includes investments in science, technology, engineering and math education and supports expansion of experiential learning so more students will have access to career and technical education to develop skills to succeed in college or careers.
- Called for historic investment in CTE, including programs expanding access to dual enrollment, work-based learning, college and career advising for high school students, apprenticeships and community colleges' development of career training programs.

## Tackled the Student Debt Crisis Head On

- Provided \$48 billion in targeted student loan relief to nearly 2 million borrowers, including broad-based debt cancellation of \$10,000 and an additional \$10,000 in relief for Pell Grant recipients.
- Strengthened Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program (PSLF).
- Awarded \$14.5 billion to more than 1 million students defrauded by for-profit institutions or had their institutions closed.

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