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EVENT DATE: July 26, 2023

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**Colorado College President L. Song Richardson
Selected as Panelist at National Summit on Equal
Opportunity in Higher Education**

Richardson will lend her voice to Biden-Harris Administration's efforts to advance diversity following SCOTUS ruling on affirmative action

WHAT: On Wednesday, July 26, the U.S. Department of Education will host the National Summit on Equal Opportunity in Higher Education, a bringing together senior officials from the Biden-Harris Administration and leaders from national educational institutions, including Colorado College President L. Song Richardson, to discuss innovative strategies and resources for colleges and students to expand access to higher education in the wake of the recent Supreme Court ruling on affirmative action.

President Richardson will participate in the summit's third panel, "What Comes Next in College Admissions." A full list of the agenda can be found [here](#).

WHY: The recent Supreme Court decision on college affirmative action programs has limited a vital tool that many institutions of higher education, including Colorado College, have used for decades to help create vibrant, diverse campus communities.

WHO: Along with Colorado College President L. Song Richardson, participants will include U.S. Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona, White House Domestic Policy Advisor and Assistant to the President Neera Tanden, White House Office of Public Engagement Director and Assistant to the President Steve Benjamin, U.S. Department of Education Under Secretary James Kvaal, Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights



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Catherine Lhamon and Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights Kristen Clarke, advocates, student leaders, college and university administrators, researchers, and state, local, and Tribal leaders.

WHEN: Wednesday, July 26, 2023. Full event: 7 a.m.-noon MDT.

CC President Richardson's panel: 8:50-9:30 a.m. MDT.

WHERE: U.S. Department of Education's Lyndon Baines Johnson Auditorium, [400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20202](#).

LIVESTREAM OF EVENT: The event will also be livestreamed. Members of the public can register for the event [here](#).

BACKGROUND: More information on the work the Biden-Harris Administration is doing to continue building success for all students to thrive can be found [here](#).

About Colorado College

Colorado College is a nationally prominent, four-year liberal arts college that was founded in Colorado Springs in 1874. In 1970 the college created the Block Plan, in which its approximately 2,300 undergraduate students take one class at a time in intensive 3½-week segments. A Master of Arts in teaching degree also is offered. The college's vision is to ignite students' passion and potential to create a more just world. For more information, visit www.coloradocollege.edu.

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