Examples of Trustee Op-Eds

Although there are many ways to lend your voice, trustees can impact conversations about higher education by authoring an op-ed for a local, regional, or national news outlet. Below are several examples of op-eds written by trustees and board members from across the country which vary across public and private sectors, large and small institutions, systems and coordinating boards.

**Higher ed vital in ever-changing economy**
*The Cincinnati Enquirer*, August 31, 2018
By Deborah Platt Majoras, past chair of the Board of Trustees of Westminster College; member of the Guardians Initiative Leadership Group

**A quality higher education stands the text of time**
*Arizona Capital Times*, August 20, 2018
By Ron Shoopman, chair of the Arizona Board of Regents

**Higher education is America finds itself on a slippery slope**
*Roll Call*, June 18, 2018
By Norman Augustine, former trustee of Johns Hopkins, MIT, and Princeton and former regent of the University System of Maryland

**Regents to Legislature: Remove threat to higher education**
*The Daily Advertiser*, June 14, 2018
By Robert W. Levy, chair of the Louisiana Board of Regents

**A degree is still a great investment and the value of college just goes up from there**
*The State*, June 7, 2018
By Richard W. Riley, trustee emeritus of Furman University; former S.C. governor and U.S. education secretary

**Americans are losing faith in higher education. Here’s one way to restore it.**
*The Chicago Tribune*, April 27, 2018
By Dennis FitzSimons, trustee at Northwestern University

**Transforming Southwest Virginia: Higher education must lead**
*Roanoke Times*, February 11, 2018
By Nancy Howell Agee, president and CEO of the Carilion Clinic, and Dennis Treacy, rector of the Virginia Tech Board of Visitors
To regain support for higher education, trustees need to step up
*The Washington Post*, January 3, 2018
By Richard D. Legon, president of the Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges and trustee of Spelman College

Iowa trustees must be champions for higher ed
*The Des Moines Register*, November 13, 2017
By David Miles, trustee of Drake University and former member of the Iowa Board of Regents; chair of the AGB Board of Directors

We must work together to keep Oklahoma’s higher education affordable and accessible
*The Tulsa World*, August 31, 2017
By Regent Lou Watkins, regent of the Board of Regents for the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges

Keeping college within reach is a priority for Arizona Board of Regents
*The Arizona Daily Star*, August 31, 2017
By Bill Ridenour, regent of the Arizona Board of Regents

Big thinking for our State System of Higher Education: Recognize the opportunities ahead
*Pittsburg Post-Gazette*, February 7, 2017
By PASSHE Board Chair Cynthia Shapira, Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education Board of Regents

Do we value public higher education for Vermon ters anymore or not?
*Vermont Biz*, January 3, 2017
By Jeb Spaulding (Chancellor, Vermont State Colleges) and Martha O’Connor (Chair, Vermont State Colleges Board of Trustees)

Politics is cutting the heart out of the Public Ivies
By Charles Pruitt, former University of Wisconsin Regent and former member of AGB Board of Directors