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ACIS Conference:

Exploring Current Trends in Post-Secondary Education
and the Implications for K-12 Independent Schools

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After 190 years,

Denison expands into Columbus and **launches Denison Edge** to offer career bootcamps, stackable credentials and career preparation programs to liberal arts students...

DENISON **EDGE**





**The trends are not new,
but Covid accelerated them.**
**Trends are like water. The faster
they run, the deeper they cut
and in unexpected ways.**



Technology Infuses Everything

Choice Rules





The Price?

Good Question!



Constituents Expect Organizations To Lean Into Big Social Issues



Climate Change



Economic Inequality



Diversity and the
Legacy of Racism

"Every institution is an assemblage of choices about how best to organize human beings in light of some particular goal. The premise of this book is that most of these choices can and must be revisited."

—Gary Hamel

"The most important question for any organization is this: Are we changing as fast as the world around us? For most organizations, the answer is no."

—Gary Hamel



"Today, people expect a very different set of traits from their leaders. They want people who are great mentors, who are unselfish enough to put the success of those around them above their own personal success. They're looking for people who live in the future, who have a compelling point of view about how to shape the world and how to create new opportunities."

—Gary Hamel

**That's the last
18 months!**

**And don't forget we
still have Covid with
us & change is still
probably accelerating.**

**And we have a
new generation.**



Colleges and universities have been increasingly confronted with complex challenges in areas of affordability and sustainability, equity and inclusion, rapidly shifting career paths, student safety, civil discourse, new research on effective pedagogy, demand for online alternatives, globalization, and more. K-12 schools face many of the same challenges, and the approaches of colleges and universities to these topics have significant implications for ACIS students and schools.

Some Interesting Data Points About Gen Z

78% say mobiles are most important device for accessing internet

40% say they are easily influenced by peers

62% high school sophomores want customized content from colleges

70% urge colleges to improve digital strategy for running the college

36% students experience food insecurity

60% mental health service influence college decision

49% career advice they received from college not helpful

* EAB Designing a Modern Student Experience

A close-up, low-angle shot of the front of a dark-colored truck. The focus is on the right-side headlight, which is illuminated with a warm, yellowish glow. To the right of the headlight is a portion of the chrome grille with horizontal slats. The background is blurred, showing a bright, hazy sky and the side mirror of the truck. The overall lighting is soft and directional, suggesting a sunrise or sunset setting.

This is how it might feel some days with the truck coming right at us, but I don't think that is true. Higher education will experience differentiation between sectors and bifurcation within sectors with expanding array of opportunities and impact for those who can focus of quality, access and outcomes.

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Lifelong relationships: friends, faculty, mentors

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CAREER LAUNCH

Unlock potential: become the architect of your own life

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Best in class: academics, athletics, arts

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Ready for What Comes Next

16 career coaches on campus and a lifetime of career support.

Small College, Big Opportunities

Denison is small enough to make lasting personal connections, but still big enough for endless global opportunities.

Innovative Academic Programs

Denison offers relevant academic programs for today's modern, ever-changing world.

What

Might This Mean For
K-12 Private Schools
As You Prepare
Students To Succeed
in Post-Secondary
Education And
Beyond?

The logo for ACIS, featuring the letters 'A', 'C', 'I', and 'S' in a stylized font. The 'A' is blue with a light blue triangle at its base. The 'C' is red with a yellow circle in the center. The 'I' and 'S' are blue.

Fit Matters

even more and is probably harder to find without guidance and lots of work.



We need to work closer on:



Handoffs



Roadmaps

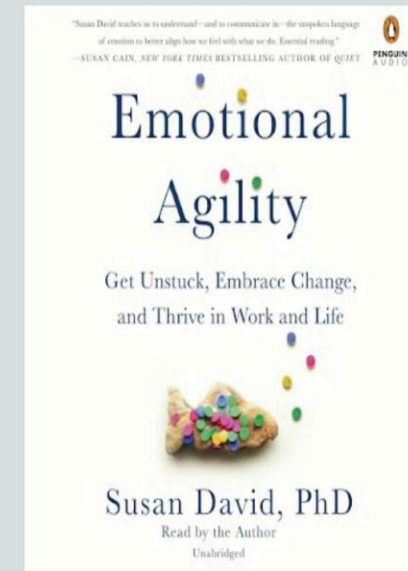
Changing Conversations:

Embracing the power of "and"
a Case Study of Denison

A Better Conversation About Mental Health

"Emotions are data,
they are not directives"

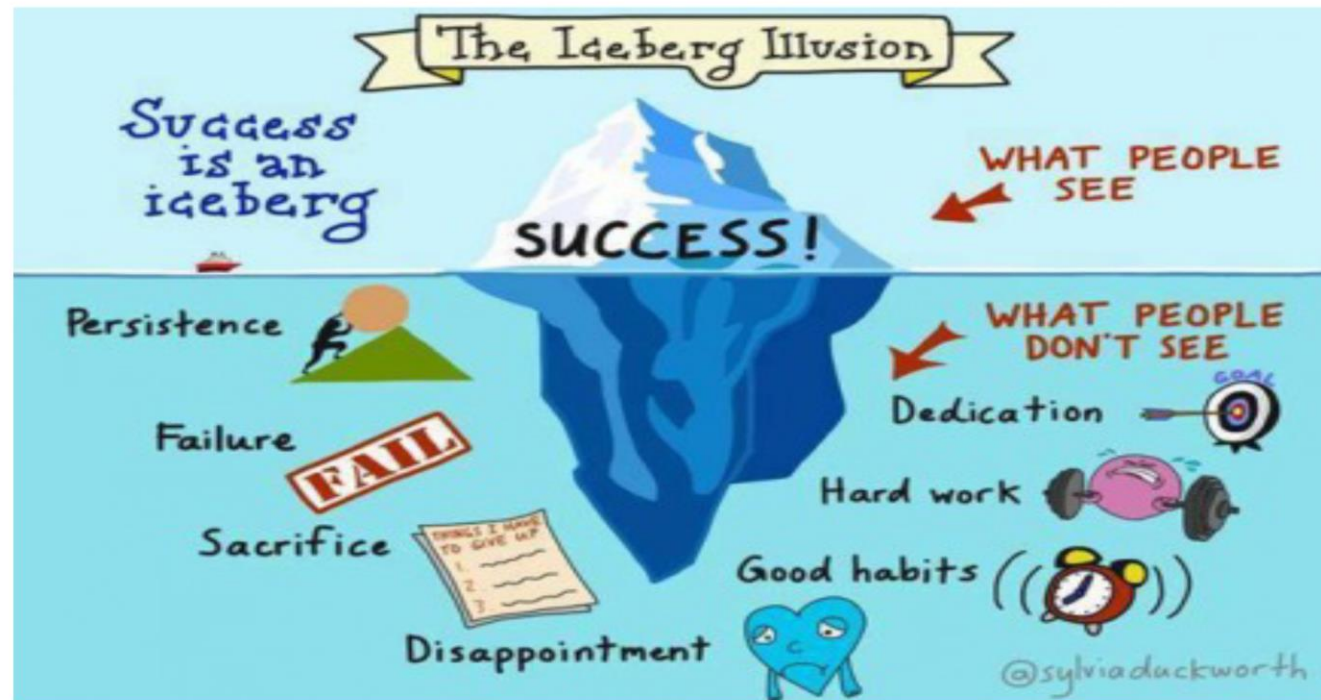
"In the context of this
book, 'showing up'
means facing into your
thoughts, emotions,
and behaviors
willingly, with curiosity
and kindness."



Moving beyond political and intellectual polarization with intellectual reasoning, creative problem solving, and intellectual humility. Creating spaces on our campus to explain, explore, role model, practice and celebrate.



Candor About Success and How to Get There



The Gallup Data: alumni will look back in 50 years and be grateful for their education as long as it does six things. These are things that Covid did not change, that don't change across the generations or as the job market shifts.

"At least one professor made me excited about learning."

"Professors cared about me as a person."

"A mentor encouraged my goals and dreams."

"I did a long-term project taking a semester or more to complete."

"I did an internship or job where I applied my learning."

"I was extremely involved in extracurricular activities and organizations."