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Student Advocates and Researchers Partner for Unprecedented College Affordability Advocacy Effort

Today, the Hope Center for College, Community and Justice at Temple University and Rise, Inc, a free college advocacy organization, announced an unprecedented partnership to lead college affordability advocacy campaigns nationwide. The Hope Center and Rise are joining forces to make higher education affordable for students and families affected by skyrocketing tuition, campus hunger and homelessness, and overwhelming student loan debt. This partnership is the first of its kind in the higher education sector—pairing world-class scholars with student and youth advocates who can build powerful campaigns to address concerning findings identified by researchers.

“We are thrilled to partner with Rise to leverage the Hope Center’s research in new settings with student advocates and policymakers,” said Dr. Sara Goldrick-Rab, Founding Director of the Hope Center. “As we shine a light on the college affordability crisis, Rise’s student organizing efforts will help us make a difference on campuses and in the community.”

“No one has done more than Sara and her team at the Hope Center to shine a light on the consequences of the college affordability crisis,” said Max Lubin, Rise’s co-founder. “Our students will learn from the best researchers in the field about how their campaigns can help other students facing the same kinds of challenges they are with skyrocketing tuition and basic needs.”

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About the Hope Center for College, Community, and Justice

Founded in 2013, the Hope Center is home to an action research team using rigorous research to drive innovative practice, evidence-based policymaking, and effective communications to support #RealCollege students.

About RISE, Inc.

Launched in 2017, Rise is a student-led nonprofit organization advocating for free public higher education with more than 25,000 students and supporters nationwide. Since its founding, Rise has led successful campaign to enact two years of free community college in California, to stop public university tuition hikes, and win hundreds of millions of dollars in new state funding for students.