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The Future of Higher Education: Distance Is Closer Than You Think

The DEAC is delighted to announce that Anya Kamenetz will deliver the Keynote Address, *The Future of Higher Education: Distance is Closer Than You Think*, at the 89th Annual Conference, taking place April 19-21 in Chicago.

Anya Kamenetz is an expert on learning and technology with a passion for the complexities of how we will learn, work, and live in the new millennium. An educational futurist and speaker on issues facing the Millennial generation, she delivers core insights into change, technology, and talent. Named an "Educational Gamechanger" by *The Huffington Post* and a two-time winner of the national Education Writers of America prize, Kamenetz is part of a new team at NPR coordinating the coverage of education both online and on-air. Her popular book *DIY U: Edupunks, Edupreneurs, and the Coming Transformation of Higher Education*, tells the story of how technology is disrupting one of the most tradition-bound industries in the country. Her e-books, *Learning, Freedom, and the Web*, in collaboration with the Mozilla community, and *The Edupunks Guide to a DIY Credential*, funded by the Gates Foundation, are available at www.learningfreedomandtheweb.org and www.edupunksguide.org. Kamenetz's energetic and down-to-earth presentations pop with insights into her experience and years of research into the Internet-driven education revolution, a phenomenon changing life around the planet.

The Conference promises to be a premier event offering presentations about contemporary innovations, issues, and perspectives on distance education delivered by exceptional speakers including:

- *Higher Education Value in Turbulent Seas*, Robert Lytle, Parthenon Group
- *ADA Legal Issues for Accessible Distance Education*, Lucien Capone, The University of North Carolina at Greensboro
- *Combating Fraud Rings While Protecting Financial Aid for True Students*, Joe Agins, Apollo Education Group, Inc.

For more information about the DEAC's 89th Annual Conference, and to view the entire Conference Program, please visit www.deac.org.

ABOUT DEAC

The Distance Education Accrediting Commission, formerly the Distance Education and Training Council, is a private, non-profit organization founded in 1926 that operates as a national accreditor of distance education institutions. DEAC's goal is to ensure a high standard of educational quality in the distance education institutions it accredits and a quality education for the more than two million students who annually study at its accredited institutions.

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