USC SCHWARZENEGGER INSTITUTE, AFTER-SCHOOL ALL-STARS & THE AFTERSCHOOL ALLIANCE CO-HOST NATIONAL AFTERSCHOOL SUMMIT

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER, VAN JONES, JJ WATT AND MORE AT “READY TO WORK: HOW AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS PREPARE STUDENTS FOR THE CHALLENGES OF THE 21ST CENTURY WORKFORCE”

Los Angeles, Calif. -- Arnold Schwarzenegger and leaders from government, media, business, education, entertainment and philanthropy will put a spotlight on the effectiveness of afterschool programs and the important role they play in preparing students for college and the workforce at a national afterschool summit in Los Angeles on April 5th.

With the White House proposing a complete elimination of federal funding for afterschool programs, which would impact more than 1.6 million students, the summit could not come at a more critical time.

The summit will focus on the role afterschool programs play in preparing students to enter the 21st century workforce and compete in the global workplace. With the rise of globalization, after school programs are vitally important to the future success of American students and businesses and the overall competitiveness of our economy. This event is hosted by the USC Schwarzenegger Institute, in partnership with the Afterschool Alliance and After-School All-Stars, with support from the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation.

When: Wednesday, April 5, 2017
9:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. PST

What: National After-School Summit 2017

Where: University of Southern California
Town & Gown Ballroom
655 Exposition Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90089

Webcast: The event will be streamed live on: https://livestream.com/uscprice/2017afterschool

Program:
9:30-10:00 Student performance and opening remarks from Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, Matt Iseman, Host of American Ninja Warrior, Bonnie Reiss, Global Director of USC Schwarzenegger Institute, Mayor Jose Mendoza, Bell Gardens, California

10:00-10:15 Conversation on the value of after-school programming between Van Jones, Host of CNN’s The Messy Truth, and Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger

10:15-10:45 How Sports Help Kids Succeed in School, Life and the Workforce
Maverick Carter, CEO, LRMR Marketing
Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger
JJ Watt, Professional Athlete and Founder, the JJ Watt Foundation
Moderator: Mario Lopez, Host, Extra

10:50-11:30 Keeping Kids in School and on Track: The Role of After-School Programs
Monica Garcia, Board Member, Los Angeles Unified School District
Eloy Ortiz Oakley, Chancellor, California Community Colleges
Gerard Robinson, Resident Fellow, American Enterprise Institute
Heidi Sipe, Superintendent, Umatilla School District, Oregon
Moderator: Bonnie Reiss, Global Director, USC Schwarzenegger Institute

11:40-12:30 Preparing Students for the Workforce and Instilling an Entrepreneurial Spirit
Michael Beckerman, President & CEO, The Internet Association
Jody Breckenridge, Vice Admiral, United States Coast Guard
Brittany David, Founder, Brittany Ann David Illustration
Karen Freeman-Wilson, Mayor, Gary, Indiana
Jennifer Roberts, Mayor, Charlotte, North Carolina
Moderator: Jodi Grant, Executive Director, Afterschool Alliance

12:30-12:45 Closing Remarks
Ben Paul, President & CEO, After-School All-Stars

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About the Afterschool Alliance
The Afterschool Alliance is a nonprofit public awareness and advocacy organization working to ensure that all children and youth have access to quality afterschool programs. More information is available at [www.AfterschoolAlliance.org](http://www.AfterschoolAlliance.org).

About After-School All-Stars
Founded in 1992 by Arnold Schwarzenegger, After-School All-Stars (ASAS) is a leading national provider of year-round, school-based, comprehensive afterschool programs. The organization’s mission is to keep children safe and help them succeed in school and in life. Every school day, students in low-income communities have access to free programs that offer academic support, enrichment opportunities, and health and fitness activities. 70,000+ children from 19 U.S. locations benefit: Atlanta, Chicago, Cleveland, Columbus, Hawaii, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, Newark, New York, North Texas, Orlando, Philadelphia, San Antonio, South Florida, Tampa Bay, Toledo, Washington D.C., Bay Area and Puget Sound. For more information, visit www.as-as.org.