Higher Ed Faces Big Issues

A discussion with top college officials highlights the challenges for the profession

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Very few sectors of society are facing the challenges confronting higher education, which still uses an old methodology to deliver its product in a digital age. The teacher-student relationship has not really changed for centuries, but the needs of the student entering a global workforce have. Meanwhile, the cost of an undergraduate degree from a top-flight institution continues to rise annually at a rate higher than inflation. College officials brought together by Fidelity Investments and *U.S.News & World Report* at a recent conference in Lake Buena Vista, Fla., talked