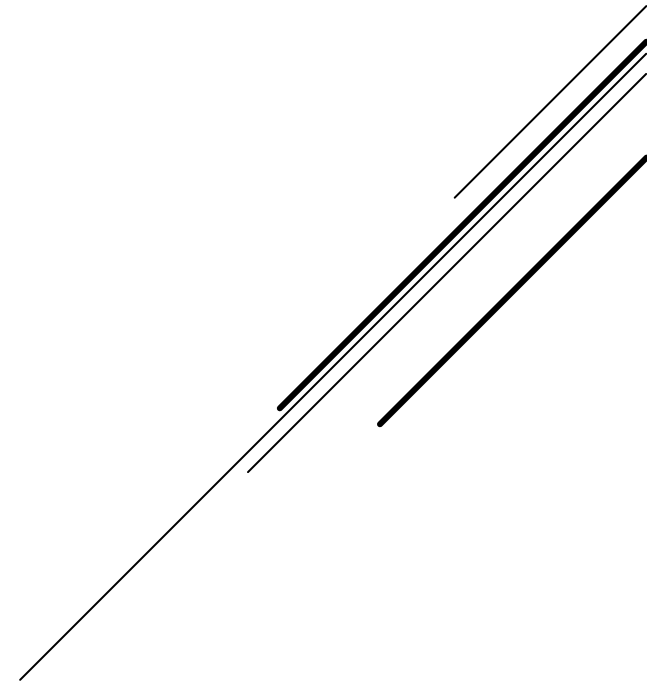




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July 29, 2016

I am pleased to send my warmest greetings to those gathered for the Reach Higher New England convening, and to thank you for your efforts in increasing access to higher education for young people in your region.

With the aim of reaching this Administration's North Star goal of having the highest proportion of college graduates in the world by 2020, one of my top priorities as First Lady has been encouraging students to pursue and attain an education beyond high school. In order to achieve this plan, I know we need committed, well-trained counselors and teachers who can provide our students with the tools, assistance, and skills they need to fulfill their boundless potential. That's why I'm so proud of each of you for answering the call to fight for a brighter tomorrow for our youth. Your important work is helping to inspire more students to take charge of their future, and for that, I am incredibly grateful.

Again, thank you for your continued efforts on behalf of students across our country. I look forward to witnessing your progress and accomplishments in the years to come, and I wish you the very best.

*Michelle Obama*



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