



The changing face of higher education.

THAT WAS THEN 1965



The typical student was 'college-aged' and full-time.



The federal policy architecture in support of regulation of higher education was just being established.



The Internet was two decades away.



...THIS IS NOW 2016



85% of Americans enrolled in post secondary institutions are "non-traditional" learners.¹



For many, the challenges of **time**, **distance**, and **cost** make online learning **more accessible.**"



1/4 of US students are taking at least one online course.²



The Internet is a necessary component of our personal, educational, and professional lives.



In 2012, nearly 63% of U.S. colleges offered fully-online degree programs.³ That's almost double what it was a decade earlier, at just 32.5%.



Nearly 70% of online education occurs within the traditional nonprofit sector.⁴

It's time for a Higher Education Act (HEA) for the 21st Century Learner.

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