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Post has new blog on higher education

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The Washington Post last week began a new blog about higher education — Grade Point — that will present a comprehensive daily report about colleges and universities nationwide, including breaking news, profiles of interesting people in higher education, stories about life on campus, and coverage of higher education policy and trends.

We also will aim to include voices of those connected to higher education coast-to-coast, from university presidents to college freshmen.

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Susan Svrluga will lead Grade Point. She, along with higher education reporter Nick Anderson, will delve into issues that affect parents, prospective college students, current college students, faculty, administrators, college graduates and policy-makers. Jeffrey J. Selingo — a veteran higher education reporter, former editor of the Chronicle of Higher Education, and an author and professor of practice at Arizona State University — will be a regular contributor to Grade Point. The blog also will feature work from the rest of The Post's education team.

In its first few days, Grade Point presented breaking stories about Duke University's decision to issue the Muslim call to prayer from the campus chapel and then the reversal of that decision after it generated intense debate and threats; it included an exclusive interview with the next president of Cornell University about several higher education topics; it brought expanded coverage of the University of Virginia; and it explained Brigham Young University's anti-beard policies.

We hope that readers will find Grade Point a daily destination for higher education news, features and discussion, and we want you to be a part of it.

Please contact us if there is a story you believe we should cover or if you would like to weigh in on any issue related to higher education.

The new blog is at: www.washingtonpost.com/news/grade-point.

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