Welcome!

When I launched PNPI ten years ago, I wanted to create a space where policymakers could come together across the political aisle in shared learning. As a former congressional staffer, I knew how difficult it could be to get "off campus" and dig deeper into issues. Any chance I had to talk with students, visit a college, or review new research was highly cherished. PNPI was founded to create these types of moments for the individuals out there every day working hard to create policies for students pursuing their postsecondary dreams.

In 2012, Washington was a different place. Bipartisan legislation was more common, some of my favorite higher ed organizations were not yet in existence or were still relatively new, and, dare I say, most people who came to Washington to work in education policy were focused on K–12 education. Today the landscape is different.

Since our founding, Washington has become more polarized. At the same time, research is more accessible, data is more widely available, policy organizations have multiplied and flourished, and higher ed, in my humble opinion, has become "the place to be." Critically, our policy space has begun to bring more diverse perspectives to the table and, more and more, I see leaders in our sector intentionally putting equity at the center of their work—and continually striving to do better.

Over the last ten years, PNPI has engaged more than 200 congressional staff and more than 240 prospective policymakers. We've trained 30 leaders, visited 12 campuses, and hosted 85 events. Fourteen summer scholars have joined our ranks, learners have joined us from 32 states, and more than 270 experts have shared their knowledge. In total, our network includes more than 740 alums, each of whom signifies a moment in time—a moment of shared learning.

At PNPI we fiercely believe in individuals as learners and policymakers as agents of change. We trust our learners and strive to build not only their capacity but also the capacity of our field. We are happiest when we have the chance to engage and learn alongside you.

I am humbled by your support. My team and I are eager to see what we can accomplish alongside you these next ten years and beyond.

With much warmth,

MaryEllen McGuire
President & Founder, PNPI
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It is our pleasure to celebrate the PNPI family’s commitment to empowering students from underrepresented backgrounds to work in education policy!

- 2022 Summer Scholars

We are proud to support the presentation skills development of leaders and emerging leaders at PNPI. Here’s to many more decades of speaking with authority on higher education issues!

Congratulations,
Christine Clapp
President, Spoken with Authority

Congrats PNPI on 10 Years of Amazing Leadership!

We look forward to working alongside PNPI in the policy field for many years to come!

From your friends and partners,
HCM Strategists

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Happy 10th Anniversary, PNPI!

Your deep understanding of how policy is made and by whom it is made is supporting the development of new generations of leaders dedicated to improving outcomes for students. From boot camps to Summer Scholars to leadership development, PNPI has become core to higher education policy. Your support for policymakers and policymaking for students and families is invaluable.

At the new Center for Higher Education Policy and Practice (CHEPP), a non-partisan higher education research and policy organization grounded in the experiences of higher education learners and practitioners, our mission is to center the lives of learners in the future of higher education. We look forward to partnering with you in our effort to help higher education realize its full potential as a pathway to opportunity for everyone.

Congratulations! Here’s to the next 10 years and next generations of leaders!
The Emerging Leaders Development Program (ELDP) was one of the most worthwhile professional development opportunities I have had in my career. I met so many wonderful colleagues (now friends!) that I still speak with regularly, and the opportunity to learn from each other and from experts was truly a gift. We are so lucky to have PNPI in our community. PNPI: we love you so much! Thank you for all you do!  

– Julia Barnard, CFPB

Happy 10th Anniversary to a one-of-a-kind mission-driven organization. I can’t thank PNPI enough for their unwavering support, guidance, and such a life-changing internship. May you continue to make a positive impact in the higher education policy space. Many cheers to future achievements!

– Crystal Green, Jobs for the Future & PNPI Summer Scholar (2018)

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www.luminafoundation.org/racialequity
The Education Trust congratulates PNPI on 10 years of preparing and developing leaders in higher education policy.

Whether participating in or speaking at PNPI’s briefings, summer boot camps, or Emerging Leaders Development Programs, our team members have greatly enjoyed and benefited from PNPI’s training and partnership. Best wishes on your continued success and valued contributions to the field.

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