

Postsecondary National Policy Institute



10th
Anniversary
2022

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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

PNPI BY THE NUMBERS

200+

Congressional
Learners



242

Future Policymakers



30
Leaders Trained



Learners
from

32

States



12

Campuses
Visited



273

at

85

Events



27

Event Scholarships



14

Summer Scholars

from

11

Universities

across

12

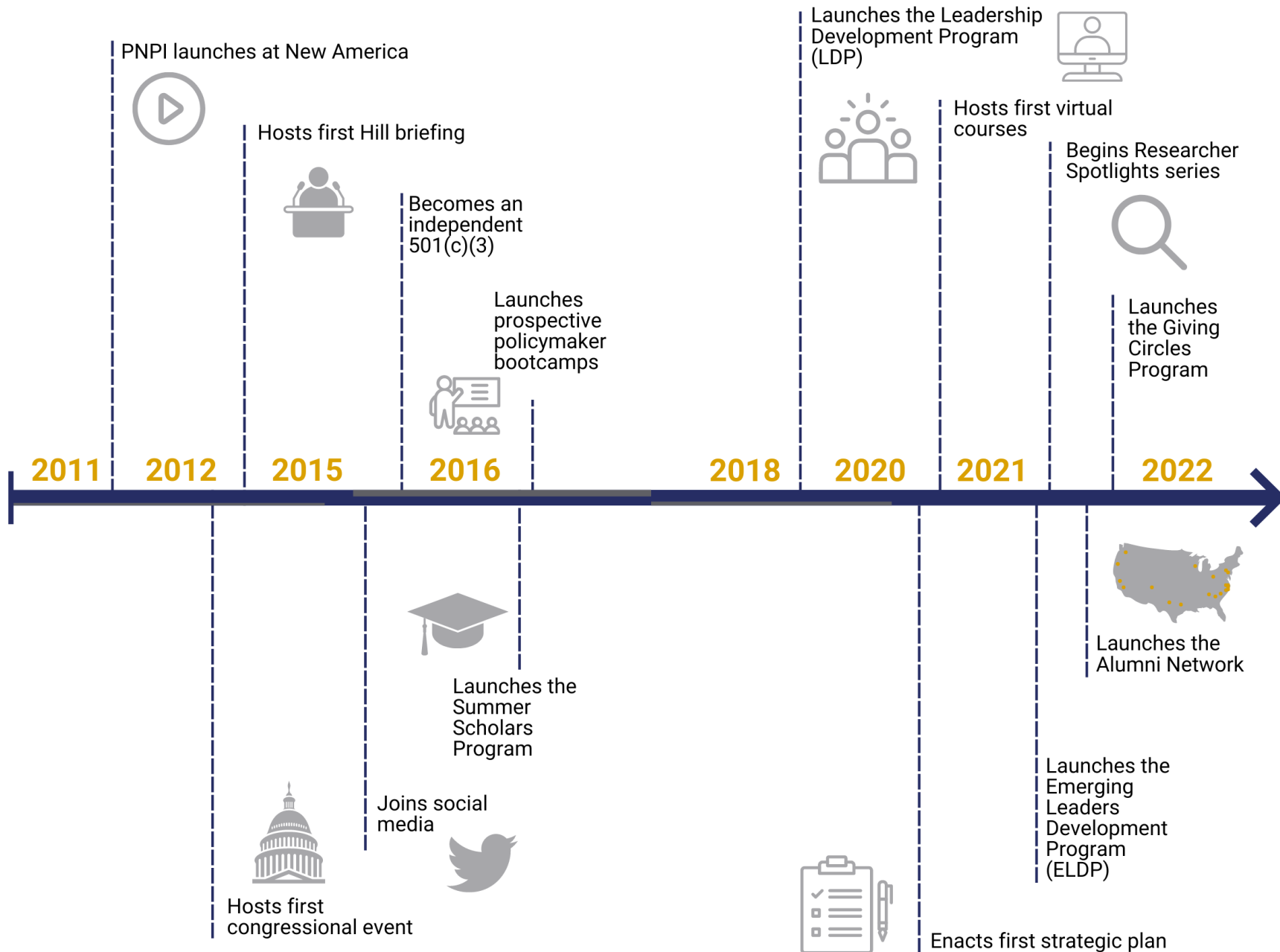
States



747

Members in
PNPI's Alumni Network

OUR HISTORY



OUR TEAM



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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

Congratulations to PNPI and thank YOU for everything you do! Here's to many more years!



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



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ON 10 AMAZING YEARS
FROM THE
2019 SUMMER SCHOLARS!



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

Congratulations PNPI!

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The Student Success Through Applied Research (SSTAR) Lab and the Division of Enrollment Management thank you for a tremendous long-term partnership built on promoting policies that advance access to higher education.



The Center for
Higher Education Policy
and Practice

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!



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)



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



IHEP congratulates PNPI for

10 years

of supporting and informing higher education policymakers! Student-centered, data-informed, and equity-focused policy is the path to delivering on the promise of higher education and building the fair and just future we all want to see.




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Congratulations on 10 years of phenomenal service to the PNPI mission, federal higher education policymaking, and the entirety of American higher education. The growth, impact, and partnerships you have achieved are immeasurable. We can only imagine what the next 10+ years will bring! We stand as ardent champions as PNPI continues its journey to increase the knowledge, capacity, and diversity of individuals who work, or aspire to work, in the federal postsecondary policy space.

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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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