



Postsecondary National Policy Institute

Overview

PNPI's mission is to increase the knowledge, capacity, and diversity of federal postsecondary policymakers, leaders, and thinkers. We provide our community with a substantive and collegial foundation on which to build federal higher education policies that drive positive outcomes for students and their families. We are fierce believers in individuals as learners and policymakers as agents of change. ***Our foundational purpose is to educate.***

PNPI Congressional Seminars

PNPI's professional development seminars for Congressional staff enable participants to consider a full range of higher education topics while engaging in constructive dialogue with policy experts, researchers, college administrators, and colleagues. Seminars provide a nonpartisan, nonpolitical forum in which attendees consider research, gain a deeper understanding of how policies are implemented, and think through possibilities for reform. Designed to increase participants' capacity to devise workable, sustainable, and affordable higher education solutions, these events provide opportunities to candidly discuss issues of importance in a closed-door setting.

Community Boot Camps

PNPI's Community Boot Camps are designed to prepare the next generation of policymakers for a career in federal higher education policymaking. Modeled after our Congressional work, boot camps provide individuals, including students, a chance to deepen their postsecondary knowledge base while networking with individuals working in the field.

Leadership Development Programs

PNPI's leadership development programs, professional development opportunities for leaders in the federal education policy space, are premised on the belief that leadership can be developed, strong leaders impact organizational health, and strong sectors are led by strong organizations. Available to both senior and emerging leaders, they provide participants with the skills and community needed to advance their leadership potential and careers.

Summer Scholars

The Summer Scholars Program provides an opportunity for highly motivated students with demonstrated financial need to learn about federal higher education policy in Washington, D.C. A fully funded experience, scholars have their day-to-day living and travel expenses covered and are paid for their work.

Alumni Network

Launched in November 2021, PNPI's Alumni Network hosts content events, skill-building workshops, and social gatherings throughout the year to keep our 750+ participant and speaker alums current on pressing issues and connected to one another.

Researcher Spotlights

Researcher Spotlights feature and amplify the work of up-and-coming researchers in the federal higher education space. Hosted virtually, they are meant to introduce federal policymakers to new and more diverse voices in the field.

Impact

Internal and independent evaluations found that PNPI is highly valued and respected by our community, that participants leave our events with knowledge they plan to apply to their work, and that participants hope to attend future learning sessions.