



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.

Congressional Seminars

PNPI's 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.

Community Boot Camps

Modeled after our congressional seminars, PNPI's community boot camps provide individuals, including students, a chance to deepen their postsecondary knowledge base while networking with current and future colleagues. Boot camp scholarships are available to student's with demonstrated need.

Leadership Development Program (LDP)

PNPI's Leadership Development Program is 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 in the education policy space, the LDP provides participants with the skills and community needed to advance their leadership potential and careers.

Virtual Courses/FSA 101

FSA 101 is a foundational course focused on federal student aid. Offered asynchronously with rolling admissions, course completers receive a PNPI badge.

PNPI Explorer

The PNPI Explorer is a free-to-use data tool that allows users to design customized higher education data profiles at the national, state, and congressional district level. Users can create customized reports or download curated reports focused on enrollment and access, college cost, completion and attainment, federal student debt, and federal student loan repayment.

Summer Scholars

PNPI's 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. Scholars have a fully funded experience; their day-to-day living and travel expenses are covered and they are paid for their work.

Alumni Association

PNPI's Alumni Association hosts content events, social gatherings, and offers discounts to our biannual boot camps. Launched in 2021, the Alumni Association keeps our nearly 1,000 participant and speaker alums current on pressing issues and connected to one another.

Impact

Internal and independent evaluations have found that PNPI participants highly value and respect our work, leave our events with applicable knowledge, and plan to attend future PNPI events.