



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 students with demonstrated need.

Virtual Briefings

Throughout the year, PNPI offers virtual briefings on foundational topics. Briefings are free and open to anyone interested in postsecondary topics.

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.

PNPI Explorer

The PNPI Explorer is a free-to-use data tool that allows users to design customized higher education and workforce 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, federal student loan repayment, and workforce metrics.

Alumni Association

PNPI's Alumni Association hosts content events and social gatherings, and offers discounts to our Summer FSA Boot Camp. Launched in 2021, the Alumni Association keeps our more than 1,500 participant and speaker alums current on pressing issues and connected to one another.

Factsheets

PNPI develops factsheets focused on students and institutions of higher education to share with policymakers, researchers, and advocates. These factsheets bring together timely, high-quality data from trusted federal sources to provide a clear, credible picture of today's postsecondary students.