

NPS 2021 Virtual Agenda



Pre-recorded Content:

- NPS "Orientation"
- Previewing the 117th Congress
- HEA 101
- Perkins 101

"Live" Content – Monday, February 22

*This content will only be available live and will not be recorded for on-demand playback.

12:00 – 1:00 pm EST

Opening Session

Kick off the National Policy Seminar at this year's opening session! The session will feature greetings and updates from ACTE President Doug Major and Executive Director LeAnn Wilson, messages from our CTE Caucus leaders, and a keynote presentation to set the stage for your advocacy in 2021!



Keynote Speaker:

David Castagnetti, Political Strategist

As a former Capitol Hill chief of staff and co-founder of Mehlman Castagnetti Rosen & Thomas, a leading bipartisan government relations firm, David Castagnetti will share his insights into the current Congress, new Administration, and broad issues that will shape the policy agenda this year.

1:10 – 2:00 pm EST

Panel Discussion: Hot Topics in the 117th Congress

This session will provide broad analysis and insights from key education and workforce policy insiders, including time for Q and A and audience interaction.

- *Sarah Abernathy, Executive Director, Committee for Education Funding*
- *David Baime, Senior Vice President, Government Relations and Policy Analysis, American Association of Community Colleges*
- *Emmanuel Guillory, Director of Student and Institutional Aid Policy, National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities*
- *Katie Spiker, Director of Government Affairs, National Skills Coalition*

2:00 – 2:30 pm EST

Break

2:30 – 3:20 pm EST

Congressional Staff Panel

Staff working on CTE issues for key committees and Members of Congress will share the latest news from Capitol Hill and their outlook for the newly started congressional session.

3:30 – 4:30 pm EST

Best Practices in Influencing Federal Policy

Advocacy experts will share information on key strategies and how to break through with the CTE message. Session will begin with a broad overview from the panel and then break into breakout rooms for more in-depth discussion of key topics.

- *Katie Brown, Director of Government Relations, Association of Community College Trustees*
- *Brittany Cannady, Digital Media Associate, Advance CTE*
- *Katie Fitzgerald, Communications Manager, Advance CTE*
- *Alex Perry, Policy Advisor, Foresight Law+Policy; Coordinator of the College in High School Alliance*

4:30 – 5:00 pm EST

Hill Visit Preparation

ACTE policy staff will provide an overview of goals for Hill visits, review key messages, and review materials for delivery to congressional offices.

- *Alisha Hyslop, ACTE Senior Director of Public Policy*
- *Mike Matthews, ACTE Government Relations Manager*

State Meetings

State planning time for Hill visits will be held Monday evening and Tuesday morning. A full agenda will be available on the virtual conference attendee website.

Virtual Hill Meetings

Attendees are encouraged to schedule virtual meetings with their Members of Congress Tuesday-Friday of NPS week at any time that is convenient!

Virtual School Visit – Thursday, February 25

12:00 – 1:00 pm EST

Join us on Thursday, February 25 from 12:00-1:00 p.m. for a virtual tour of Butler Tech, one of the largest career and technical education districts in the nation. To kick off the virtual visit, we will be flying over southwest Ohio where Butler Tech's six campuses and 11 associate schools cover over 370 square miles and serves over 18,0000 students daily. Learn how Butler Tech's leading-edge curriculum meets the global workforce needs and provides a well-rounded education to all students in Butler County. See and hear directly from students, staff, and alumni how this CTE district has started the Education Revolution focusing on students pursuing their passion, finding their purpose, and making an impact on the world. Pack your virtual bags, we will see you at NPS! Feel free to invite congressional staff you meet with to attend this virtual visit!

