TENTATIVE NPS Agenda

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All Times Eastern

Pre-conference Activities

NPS Preview Webinar
Tuesday, March 1, 2:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 20

5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. First Timer’s Q and A *(In-person session and virtual session via Zoom)*
If this is your first time at NPS, or you have questions about the conference or Hill visits, stop by this informal question and answer session with ACTE’s policy staff. We’ll provide you with all the information you need to navigate the new environment on Capitol Hill and make the most of your interactions with policymakers.

ACTE Public Policy Staff

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Administration Division Reception
Generously sponsored by the ACTE Administration Division and National Council of Local Administrators (NCLA)
*Administration Division Members Only

Monday, March 21

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast & Networking *(Provided in person)*
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.  Opening General Session with Keynote Speaker
(In-person session live streamed to virtual attendees)
The 2022 National Policy Seminar officially kicks off with a welcome from ACTE Executive Director LeAnn Wilson and an overview of the current political climate.

10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.  General Session – Congressional Process and Priorities: Making Sense of Funding and Policy Vehicles
(In-person session live streamed to virtual attendees)
The COVID-19 pandemic, hyperpartisanship, national security threats and numerous other forces have combined to yield a chaotic political environment. Few bills are moving through "regular order," making it difficult to predict which proposals have a chance of making it through Congress. This panel of policy insiders will help clarify current congressional priorities, shed light on the outlook for education and workforce policy over the next few months, and share which policy vehicles should be the focus of advocacy efforts.

11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.  Breakout Sessions – Deep Dives on Key Policy Issues (In-person sessions)
Each of these three breakout sessions will provide an in-depth overview of the issues surrounding these ACTE policy priorities, including key bills and congressional activity.

1. Short-term Postsecondary Programs
2. WIOA & Apprenticeships
3. Teacher Pipeline

11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.  Breakout Session – Advocating from Distance: Local Strategies to Influence Federal Policymakers (Virtual session via Zoom)
How can you advocate for federal policy if you aren't in Washington, DC? This breakout session, targeted toward virtual attendees, will provide tips and strategies for crafting effective advocacy messages and building relationships with your federal policymakers through local and digital grassroots activities.

Jori Houck, ACTE Media Relations and Advocacy Associate

12:15 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.  Lunch Break (On your own)

1:45 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.  General Session – Congressional Staff Panel
(In-person session live streamed to virtual attendees)
During this session, 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 rest of this congressional session.
3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  General Session – Messaging CTE in the Current Political Environment
(In-person session live streamed to virtual attendees)
Every advocate faces challenges engaging with policymakers in the current political environment. This session will explore how to ensure the CTE message is heard in the midst of many competing issues, how to connect CTE to the primary issues policymakers are focused on, and how to message to both Democratic and Republican Members of Congress while maintaining strong bipartisan support for CTE.

4:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.  Drink Break (Provided in-person)

4:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  ACTE 2022 Legislative Agenda & Hill Visit Preparation
(In-person session live streamed to virtual attendees)
ACTE policy staff will provide an overview of goals for Hill visits, review key messages and materials for you to deliver to your policymakers, and relay last minute tips for sharing the CTE message in the current political environment.

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5:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.  State Planning Roundtables (In person sessions)
Work with others from your state to finalize Hill visit logistics and details. Leave behind folders will be distributed during this time, and ACTE policy staff will be available to answer any remaining questions.

5:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.  Virtual Hill Visit Preparation Q & A (Virtual session via Zoom)
This online session, led by ACTE policy staff, will provide an opportunity for virtual attendees to ask questions about key issues or the logistics of virtual Hill meetings before the day concludes.

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Tuesday, March 22

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  Hill Visits (In-person and virtual)

Evening  Networking Event (in-person)
Wednesday, March 23

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast *(Provided in-person)*

8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Special Focus on New Funding Opportunities & Administration Updates
*(In-person sessions live streamed to virtual attendees)*