



COUNCIL for OPPORTUNITY in EDUCATION

2023 ANNUAL POLICY SEMINAR

Legislative Conference Agenda *(last updated 3/2/23)*

Monday, March 20

8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Regency Foyer
(Ballroom Level)

Registration

6:30 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.
Concord/Lexington
(Ballroom Level)

Orientation for Hill Team Leaders

Presenters:

Kimberly Jones
Executive Vice President
Council for Opportunity in Education
Washington, DC

Diane Shust
Vice President of Public Policy
Council for Opportunity in Education
Washington, DC

Zach Farmer
Director of Congressional Relations
Council for Opportunity in Education
Washington, DC

7:30 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.
Regency Ballroom – ABC
(Ballroom Level)

Marching Towards One Million

Presenter:

Maureen Hoyler
President
Council for Opportunity in Education

Washington, DC

Presiding: Samuel Blanco III
Chair-Elect
Council for Opportunity in Education
Associate Director, Pre-College TRIO Programs
University of California-Davis
Davis, CA

Introduction: Joseph Givens
Board Chair
Council for Opportunity in Education
Director, McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement
Louisiana State University
Baton Rouge, LA

Tuesday, March 21

8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Regency Foyer
(Ballroom Level)

Registration

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Regency Ballroom
(Ballroom Level)

The Insider's View of Capitol Hill: An Interview
with House Clerk and TRIO Alumna, Cheryl
Johnson

Presenter: Cheryl Johnson
Clerk
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC

Presiding: Joseph Givens
Board Chair
Council for Opportunity in Education
Director, McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement
Louisiana State University
Baton Rouge, LA

Interviewer: Kimberly Jones
Executive Vice President
Council for Opportunity in Education
Washington, DC

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. **Higher Education in the Biden Administration’s
FY24 Budget Proposal**

Presenters: James Kvaal
Under Secretary
U.S. Department of Education
Washington, DC

Presiding: T. Chris George
Past Chair
Council for Opportunity in Education
Director, TRIO Programs
Southcentral
KY

Introduction: Maureen Hoyler
President
Council for Opportunity in Education
Washington, DC

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **From Grassroots to Hilltops: Mobilizing for
Student Access and Success**
*Regency Ballroom
(Ballroom Level)*

Panelists: Ernest Ezeugo
Strategy Officer for Federal Policy
Lumina Foundation
Washington, DC

Tia Mills
President
Louisiana Association of Educators
Baton Rouge, LA

Satra Taylor
Director, Higher Education & Workforce Policy
Young Invincibles
Washington, DC

Moderator: Anthony Plonczynski-Figueroa
President-Elect, Association for Equality &
Excellence in Education
Regional Political Organizer
New York State United Teachers
Latham, NY

12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Lunch (On Your Own)

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Working With Members of Congress: The Staff
Regency Ballroom Perspective
(Ballroom Level)

Presenters: Edward Kim
Legislative Director
Office of Rep. John Moolenaar (R-MI-2)

Jack Minor
Vice President, Advocacy & Strategy
Tennesseans For Student Success
Franklin, TN

Moderator: Zach Farmer
Director of Congressional Relations
Council for Opportunity in Education
Washington, DC

3:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.
Regency Ballroom
(Ballroom Level)

Capitol Hill Talking Points Overview

Presenting:

Maureen Hoyler
President
Council for Opportunity in Education
Washington, DC

Kimberly Jones
Executive Vice President
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Diane Shust
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3:45 p.m. – 4:05 p.m.

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4:05 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

State In-Person Meetings

STATE(S) TBA - *Concord (Ballroom Level)*
STATE(S) TBA - *Lexington (Ballroom Level)*
STATE(S) TBA - *Regency A (Ballroom Level)*
STATE(S) TBA - *Regency B (Ballroom Level)*
STATE(S) TBA - *Regency CD (Ballroom Level)*

5:00 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.
Regency Ballroom
(Ballroom Level)

**The Conscience of the Congress: Remarks from
TRIO Alumnus and Chair of the Congressional
Caucus**

Presenter: The Honorable Steven Horsford (D)
Nevada, District 4
U.S. House of Representatives

Presiding: Armando Bustos
Director of TRIO Programs
Azusa Pacific College
Azusa, CA

Introduction: Kimberly Williams
Executive Director, TRIO & Educational
Opportunity Programs
Nevada State College
Henderson, NV

Wednesday, March 22

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Lobby Level

Information Table

9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.
Regency A
(Ballroom Level)

**From the Frontlines to Congress: Remarks from a
Military Veteran and House Appropriator**

Presenter: The Honorable Tony Gonzales (R)
Texas, District 23
U.S. House of Representatives

Presiding: Valton Stinson
Director, Student Support Services
Del Mar College
Corpus Christi, TX

Introduction: The Honorable Henry Bonilla (R)
Texas, District 23 (retired)
U.S. House of Representatives
Partner, The Normandy Group
Washington, DC

9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Visits to Congressional Offices
Off-Site

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Regional Presidents Debrief Preparation
Regency Foyer
(Ballroom Level)

6:30 p.m. – 7:15 p.m. Closing Rally/ Hill Feedback Debriefing Session
Regency Ballroom
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