



Legislative Conference

1001 16th Street NW, Washington, District of Columbia, 20036

Monday through Wednesday, March 9-11, 2026

AGENDA

Monday, March 9, 2026

8:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
REGISTRATION
Presidential-Congressional Foyer

6:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.: One Mission. One Voice. One TRIO.

Presider: Jeff Kahlden
Presenter: Kimberly Jones

Location: Presidential-Congressional- Senate Ballroom

7:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.: Fireside Chat with Senator Jon Tester (D-MT)

Presider: Jeff Kahlden
Moderator: The Honorable Henry Bonilla
Presenter: The Honorable Jon Tester

Location: Presidential-Congressional-Senate Ballroom

7:45 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.: Orientation for Hill Team Leaders

Presenters: Diane Shust, Christian Bell, Jen Rudolph, Aaron Brown

Location: Federal Room A&B

Tuesday, March 10

8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
REGISTRATION
Presidential-Congressional Foyer

9:00 a.m. – 9:55 a.m.: Senator Susan Collins (R-ME)

Introducer: Michelle Richards
Presider: Arielle Derival-Joseph

Room: Presidential-Congressional-Senate Ballroom

10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.: Maine State Senator Jill Duson (D-ME)

Introducer: Erin Ouellette

Presider: Arielle Derival-Joseph

Room: Presidential-Congressional-Senate Ballroom

10:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.: Break

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.: “On the Battlefield: Voices from Education Advocates”

Speakers: Stephanie Giesecke, NAICU; Becky Levin, AFSCME; Emmanuel Guillory, ACE; Kim Trinca, NEA; Bob Bissen, NHTSA

Moderator: Diane Shust

Room: Presidential-Congressional Ballroom

12:00 – 2:00 p.m.: Lunch on your own

2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.: Telling Your TRIO Story

Facilitators: Jen Rudolph, Associate Vice President, Pre-College & State Initiatives, Council for Opportunity in Education; Sergio Galvez, Senior Director of TRIO Pre-University Programs, California Lutheran; Derek Sporbert, Director of TRIO Programs, University of North Dakota; Teriki Barnes, Director of Upward Bound Math Science, Southeastern Oklahoma University

Room: Presidential-Congressional Ballroom

3:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.: Break

3:45 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.: Capitol Hill Talking Points

Speakers: Kimberly Jones, Diane Shust, Christian Bell

Room: Presidential-Congressional Ballroom

4:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.: Break

4:45 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.: State Meetings for Hill Day

Room: Multiple Rooms

Massachusetts Meeting Room: New Jersey, New York, and Puerto Rico

Pan American Meeting Room: Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia

California Meeting Room: Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont

Statler Meeting Room: Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas

Federal A Meeting Room: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee

Federal B Meeting Room: Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wyoming
South American A Meeting Room: California
South American B Meeting Room: Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington

Wednesday, March 11

**8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
INFORMATION TABLE
LOBBY LEVEL**

8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.: Visits to Congressional Offices

Location: Off-Site

3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.: Assembly at Capitol Grounds

Location: Upper Senate Park (200 New Jersey Avenue NW)

4:00 p.m.: Photos

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5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.: Regional Presidents Debrief Preparation

Room: New York Meeting Room

6:30 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.: Capitol Hill Debriefing Session

Speakers: Board Chair Jeff Kahlden, Regional Presidents

Head Table: Jeff Kahlden, Kimberly Jones, Arnold Mitchem, Diane Shust, Aaron Brown, Angelica Vialpando

Room: Senate Ballroom

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