2018 STUDENT ADVOCACY SUMMIT and LEGISLATIVE ACTION DAYS

September 29 – October 2, 2018
WASHINGTON, DC

ABOUT NAGPS
The National Association of Graduate-Professional Students is the largest non-profit organization advocating for graduate and professional students at public and private institutions across the nation. NAGPS represents more than half a million students across the country.

ABOUT the SUMMIT
Learn more about policy areas that impact graduate-professional education and interact with professionals and policy experts. Listen to the experiences of fellow students and develop advocacy and organizing skills to increase the effectiveness of your efforts at your institution and in your state.

ABOUT LEGISLATIVE ACTION DAYS
Be the voice of graduate-professional students in the US and carry our message to members of Congress and congressional staff. Visit with policymakers, advocates, and fellow students during a celebration of graduate-professional education and expand your professional network.
WHAT to EXPECT
THEMES, PROGRAMMING, and TAKEAWAYS

Our Fall LAD programming is structured around four broad themes with the following intended takeaways

**Policy Area Workshops**
Learn about important issues and policies affecting graduate-professional students’ education and careers.

**Skills Training**
Develop and practice actionable skills and competencies to improve your advocacy, communication, and leadership activities.

**Organized Advocacy**
Join other graduate-professional students to share your unique perspective with members of Congress and congressional staff.

**Professional Networking**
Develop your network by meeting other students, members of Congress, congressional staff, policy experts, and others from the education, science and research communities.

LINKS and RESOURCES
We will provide primer documents for you to review before the Summit begins. We also encourage you to bring a laptop, tablet, or smartphone to the sessions so that you may review these documents, other documents provided during the session, and take notes to prepare for your congressional visits.

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TENTATIVE AGENDA
WORKSHOPS, NETWORKING, and ORGANIZED ADVOCACY

Note: The timing of the proposed events are subject to change, and this document will be regularly updated.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

6:45 PM  Welcome Reception and Dinner
           Hotel Lobby Bar: Pinzimini Restaurant and Lounge

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

8:30 AM  Breakfast and Networking
          Pinzimini Restaurant and Lounge

9:15 AM  Introduction/ Welcome
          Damon Chambers, NAGPS President, Western Michigan University

9:30 AM  Legislative Agenda and Advocacy: The Issues and Our Platform
          Kaylynne Glover, NAGPS Director or Legislative Affairs, University of Kentucky

10:15 AM Break

10:30 AM The Structure and Process of Congress
          Speaker To Be Announced

12:00 PM Lunch on Your Own

1:30 PM  The Funding Process
          Jon Fansmith, The American Council on Education

2:30 PM  Higher Education on the Hill: Panel of Education Committee Staffers
          Speakers To Be Announced

3:15 PM Break

3:30 PM Breakout Session 1

3:30 PM PROSPER Advocacy Session: The Legalities of Unionization
          Speaker To Be Announced

4:45 PM Closing Thoughts/Announcements

7:00 PM Group Dinners and Evening in Washington

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

8:30 AM Breakfast and Networking
        Pinzimini Restaurant and Lounge

9:15 AM Opening Remarks and Announcements
        Kaylynne Glover, NAGPS Director or Legislative Affairs, University of Kentucky

9:30 AM Breakout Session 2

Immigration and Education: Open Access and Open Education Records
                        Updates on Visas, DACA, and The Travel Ban
                        Nick Shockey, SPARC
                        Steven Bloom, The American Council on Education

Conference Location
West Arlington
F. Scott Fitzgerald A
801 N. Glebe Road
Arlington, VA 22203
(703) 537-4200
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10:45 AM  Break
11:00 PM  Breakout Session 3
          PSLF Update: Public Service Loan Forgiveness
          Speaker To Be Announced
          Science Policy
          Speaker To Be Announced
12:00 PM  Lunch on Your Own
1:30 PM   Breakout Session 4
          Grads in Policy: Opportunities and Internships
          Speaker To Be Announced
          Taking It Home: Strengthening Your Legislative Affairs
          MIT External Affairs
2:30 PM   Break
2:45 PM   Meeting with Members: Making the Most of Your Congressional Visits
          Speaker To Be Announced
3:30 PM   Workshop
          Research your Reps, and Prepare your Pitch
4:45 PM   Closing Thoughts/Announcements
7:00 PM   Group Dinners and Evening in Washington

MONDAY, OCTOBER 1

Self-organized Congressional Visits
Capitol Hill

Group Dinners and Evening in Washington

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2

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Depart Washington
WHO WE ARE

We are over 500,000 graduate and professional students standing together to ensure that our nation continues to produce top quality research, creative and artistic works, and invests in American education. We are the backbone of research and teaching at universities across the US, and play a key role in building our nation’s technological innovation and artistic and cultural heritage through scholarship and community engagement. We are America’s future business, political, and intellectual leaders. We are the future.

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PILLARS OF EXCELLENCE

ADVOCACY CENTERED
Coordinated federal and state advocacy on issues that impact students.

RESEARCH DRIVEN
Provide opportunities for publishing in our open access Journal of Leadership Development, Advocacy and Research. We also allow students to present their research at our Annual Conference. Additional research tools.

LEADERSHIP FOCUSED
Events, workshops, and publications designed to empower the next generation of leaders in the US.

FINANCIALLY LITERATE
Online financial webinars and consultation through our partners.

MULTICULTURALLY AWARE
Through our Social Justice Chair we will be engaging our membership to bring awareness to issues of inclusion and diversity on our campus. We will also be partnering with HERC to advocate for our universities to hire a more diverse workforce.