

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF GRADUATE-  
PROFESSIONAL STUDENTS

# 2018 STUDENT ADVOCACY SUMMIT *and* LEGISLATIVE ACTION DAYS

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September 29 – October 2, 2018  
WASHINGTON, DC



NAGPS

#### **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.

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## 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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## CONTACT INFORMATION

If you need have questions or need to reach a conference organizer during your time in Washington, contact:

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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.**

## Conference Location

West Arlington  
F. Scott Fitzgerald A

801 N. Glebe Road  
Arlington, VA 22203  
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## 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 PM 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

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Speaker To Be Announced

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:  
Updates on Visas, DACA, and The Travel Ban  
Steven Bloom, The American Council on Education

Open Access and Open Education Records  
Nick Shockey, SPARC

# AGENDA

## WORKSHOPS, NETWORKING, AND ORGANIZED ADVOCACY

- 10:45 AM Break
- 11:00 PM Breakout Session 3
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| PSLF Update: Public Service Loan Forgiveness<br>Speaker To Be Announced | Science Policy<br>Speaker To Be Announced |
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- 12:00 PM Lunch on Your Own
- 1:30 PM Breakout Session 4
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| Grads in Policy: Opportunities and Internships | Taking It Home: Strengthening Your Legislative Affairs<br>Speaker To Be Announced | MIT External Affairs |
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- 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

Self-organized Congressional Visits  
Capitol Hill

Depart Washington

# WE ARE THE FUTURE.

## 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.

**500,000+**

graduate-professional students across the U.S.

**STAND WITH US**

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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