

2010 Washington Policy Seminar Agenda
A Nation 'Racing to the Top': Are We On the Right Track?

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14	THURSDAY, APRIL 15	FRIDAY, APRIL 16	SATURDAY, APRIL 17
<p>Seating at Cross-State Tables</p> <p>12:45 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. WELCOME & ORIENTATION Martin Blank, President, Institute for Educational Leadership</p> <p>Jamie Ekatomatis, National EPPF Program Manager, Institute for Educational Leadership</p> <p>1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. NETWORKING ACTIVITY Sharing your "Elevator Speech"</p> <p>1:30 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. WASHINGTON FROM THE INSIDE OUT Norman Ornstein Resident Scholar, American Enterprise Institute</p> <p>2:15p.m. – 2:30 p.m. BREAK</p> <p>2:30p.m. – 5:00 p.m. CONGRESSIONAL INSIGHT W. Martin Wiseman, Director, John C. Stennis Institute of Government, Mississippi State University</p> <p>J. Jeffrey Markham Research Associate, John C. Stennis Institute of Government, Mississippi State University</p> <p>5:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. BREAK</p> <p>5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. 10th ANNUAL JACQUELINE P. DANZBERGER MEMORIAL LECTURE Thelma Meléndez de Santa Ana, Assistant Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education</p> <p>7:00 p.m. – on FREE TIME AND DINNER ON YOUR OWN</p>	<p>Seating at State Tables</p> <p>7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST</p> <p>8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. THE SHIFTING FEDERAL ROLE IN EDUCATION Michael Usdan, Senior Fellow and Former President, Institute for Educational Leadership</p> <p>Michael Cohen, President, Achieve, Inc.</p> <p>Michael J. Petrilli, Vice President for National Programs & Policy, Thomas B. Fordham Institute</p> <p>Moderator: Linda Perlstein, Public Editor, Education Writers Association</p> <p>9:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. BREAK</p> <p>9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. POLICY, POLITICS, & PROCEDURES INSIDE CONGRESS Judy Schneider Senior Analyst, Congressional Research Service</p> <p>11:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. STATE SITE HILL DAY, DC OFFICE VISITS & SITE DINNERS</p> <p>8:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. THE CAPITOL STEPS A satirical political review</p>	<p>Seating at Cross-State Tables</p> <p>7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST</p> <p>8:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. EDUCATION FUNDING IN A TIME OF FEDERAL BUDGET MADNESS Stan Collender, Contributing Writer, Roll Call Managing Director, Qorvis Communications</p> <p>9:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. BREAK</p> <p>10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. LATINO/A ISSUES IN EDUCATION – NEW AMERICA ALLIANCE SPONSORED PANEL Richard Fry, Senior Scholar, Pew Hispanic Center</p> <p>Angela Valenzuela, Director, Texas Center for Education Policy</p> <p>Jose Rico, Deputy Director, White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for Hispanic Americans</p> <p>Moderator: John C. Guerra, Jr., Chief Executive Officer, New America Alliance</p> <p>11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. MAKING MEANING Group Reflection with Colleagues of Like Job Function</p> <p>11:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. BREAK</p> <p>11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. CONCURRENT SESSIONS</p> <p>1:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. IMPACT OF FEDERAL POLICIES ON STATES & LOCALITIES – LUNCH PANEL Bruce Hunter, Associate Executive Director, Policy and Advocacy, American Association of School Administrators</p> <p>Rebecca S. "Becky" Pringle, Secretary-Treasurer, National Education Association</p> <p>Brenda L. Welburn, Executive Director, National Association of State Boards of Education</p> <p>Moderator: Kelley M. Dean, Policy Analyst, The Georgia Partnership for Excellence in Education</p> <p>2:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. BREAK</p> <p>3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. MAKING MEANING Group Reflection with Colleagues of Like Job Function</p> <p>4:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. LOOKING AHEAD TO REAUTHORIZATION OF ESEA James Bergeron, Deputy Director of Education and Human Services Policy, House Committee on Education and Labor, U.S. House of Representatives*</p> <p>Emma Vadehra, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Planning, Evaluation and Policy Development, U.S. Department of Education*</p> <p>MaryEllen McGuire, Senior Advisor for Education, White House Domestic Policy Council</p> <p>David Shreve, Federal Affairs Counsel-Education, National Conference of State Legislatures</p> <p>Moderator: Martin Blank, President, Institute for Educational Leadership</p> <p>5:30 – 7:30 p.m. OPTIONAL ALUMNI/FELLOWS NETWORKING EVENT BlackFinn DC</p> <p>FREE TIME AND DINNER ON YOUR OWN</p>	<p>Seating at State Tables</p> <p>7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST</p> <p>8:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. A SYSTEMIC APPROACH TO EDUCATION REFORM Marc Tucker, President, National Center on Education and the Economy</p> <p>9:45 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. MAKING MEANING Group Reflection in Cross- Sector Tables with Colleagues from your State</p> <p>10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. BREAK</p> <p>10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. CLOSING ADDRESS: ENSURING A FAIR START IN THE 'RACE TO THE TOP' Freeman Hrabowski, III President, University of Maryland Baltimore County</p> <p>11:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. WRAP-UP AND ADJOURNMENT Martin Blank, President, Institute for Educational Leadership</p> <p>Jamie Ekatomatis, National EPPF Program Manager, Institute for Educational Leadership</p> <p align="right">*Invited</p>

Concurrent Sessions
Friday, April 16
11:45 AM – 1:00 PM

- A. Using Social Media for Education Advocacy
- B. National Perspectives on the Recruitment and Preparation of Teachers
- C. Bringing Successful Cross-Sector Reform to Scale: Promise Neighborhoods and Other Models
- D. Is the U.S. Making Progress Toward Improving Graduation Rates and Preventing School Dropout?
- E. Preparing Rural High School Students in/for the 21st Century
- F. Preparing Successful School Leaders
- G. Open Space: Participant-Directed Session