



2018 FEDERAL PRIORITIES

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Higher Education Act (HEA) Reauthorization

- Support the creation of a **bi-partisan bill reauthorizing the Higher Education Act** and oppose the House Bill “PROSPER Act” reauthorizing the Higher Education Act
- Encourage **innovation in higher education**, including competency-based education, dual enrollment, and other educational reforms.
- **Simplify the FAFSA** process to support greater community college participation in federal student aid programs.

Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act (CTE) Reauthorization

- **Update the act to better support student success** by including dual enrollment, work experiences, integrated delivery of basic skills, and stackable postsecondary credentials.
- **Increase funding** for CTE state grants.
- Establish **consistent definitions and accountability metrics** to enable a clearer picture of the performance of CTE at the national and state levels.

Pell Grants

- **Preserve the Federal Pell Grant** program as the foundation of federal student aid for millions of needy college students.
- Provide **annual increases** to the maximum Pell Grant.
- Maintain the **year-round** Pell Grant.
- **Increase lifetime** Pell Grant eligibility to 14 semesters (full-time equivalent).
- Maintain full eligibility for **“Ability-to-Benefit”** community college students

Workforce Development

- Increase funding for the **occupational and adult basic education programs** authorized in the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA).
- Authorize and fund a program dedicated to **supporting and expanding innovative community college and industry partnerships**.
- **Improve and align the reporting and outcomes standards for measurements** of community college performance in workforce and related programs.

DREAM Act

- Pass legislation that would **establish a path to citizenship for undocumented students** who are long-time U.S. residents and eliminate federal restrictions on states that choose to offer in-state tuition to undocumented students.
- Make DREAM Act students **eligible for federal student financial assistance**.