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COVID-19 Relief Bill

Negotiations on the next relief bill are currently stalled. Democrats say they will not start negotiating until Republicans agree that the package will provide \$2 trillion in aid (the House-passed Heroes Act provided more than \$3 trillion), but Republicans proposed \$1 trillion and won't set a final funding level up front. There are disagreements about many of the policy and funding proposals for the package, leading to the stalemate. Congress will return to DC after Labor Day holiday, which is when negotiations are expected to resume.

Call to Action

Contact your members Congress to fund HSIs in the next COVID-19 relief bill. [Click here](#) to call Congress.

FY 2021 Federal Budget

Despite the House of Representatives passing several FY 2021 appropriations bills, including the Labor – HHS – Education bill, the Senate has yet to begin their appropriations process. As a result, we can expect a continuing resolution (CR) or omnibus package to fund the federal government through at least the November elections.

With only nine legislative days when both chambers are in session before the Sept. 30 funding deadline, there is not much time. A government shutdown in the middle of a pandemic would not

bode well for either party, so there is much motivation to reach a compromise on a short term funding bill.

2020 Elections Information Page

We now have a special elections page on the Advocacy Center. It provides important information such as voter registration deadline, how to register to vote, finding your polling place and polling hours. We encourage you to check it out and share with your colleagues.

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In Case You Missed It:

HACU announces its Annual Conference on Hispanic higher education will be held virtually Oct. 26-28

The Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities has announced its 34th Annual Conference will be offered in a virtual format to better serve participants in the current climate and ensure the safety of everyone involved with the conference. This marks the first time the Annual Conference will be held as a virtual event. [More>>](#)

HACU releases its Platform Issues and Recommendations for 2020 Presidential Candidates

The Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU) has released its “Platform Issues and Recommendations for Presidential Candidates in 2020.” In a letter to the candidates, HACU President and CEO Antonio R. Flores requested a response on their perspectives as candidates for President of the United States on the issues included in the policy document. [More>>](#)

HACU announces fellows for second cohort of its Leadership Academy/ La Academia de Liderazgo

HACU has announced 26 fellows have been selected for the second cohort of its Leadership Academy/ La Academia de Liderazgo. Additionally, the American Federation of Teachers (AFT) has awarded Michelle Ferrez, Ed.D., a scholarship to participate in the Leadership Academy. The program is designed to increase diverse representation in executive and senior-level positions in higher education. [More>>](#)

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