



Capitol Forum: Pre-Conference Webinar

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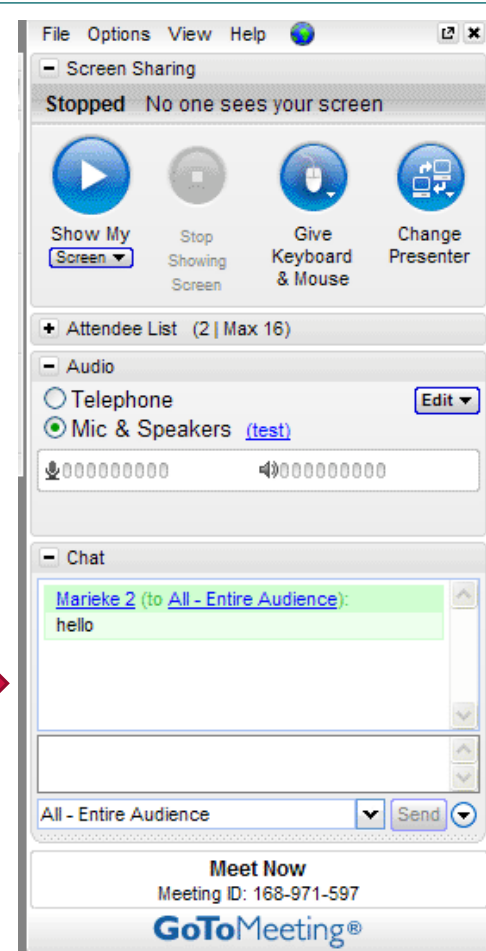
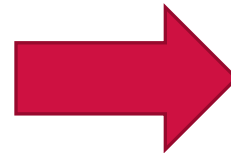
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Webinar: Q&A Process

- To ask questions expand the “chat” window of the Go To Webinar control panel
- Type your question into the chat/question box
- We will respond to questions throughout the webinar & at the end



Agenda

- What to do before coming to DC
- What to expect on Capitol Hill
- What to do after your visit
- HACU's legislative priorities
- Save the date for HACU's upcoming conferences

Things to do before coming to DC

- Check weather forecast
- Visit HACU's Advocacy Center:
HACUadvocates.net
- Pack comfortable shoes
- Remember monuments are open
24 hours a day 😊



Things to keep in mind for Hill meetings

- Be respectful
- Hill meetings are about policy debates, so avoid political debates
- When necessary agree to disagree
- Remember you are not only representing your institution but HACU & its members



Items HACU will provide

- 1) A list of all your congressional meetings
- 2) A red folder for each meeting
- 3) Flash drive
- 4) Congressional directory & map



Getting to Capitol Hill

- Breakfast will be served at the hotel
- After breakfast, HACU will provide transportation from the hotel to the Visitor Center on Capitol Hill
- Once we arrive on the Hill, we will have a series of morning workshops followed by your Congressional meetings



What to expect on the Hill

- Avoid bringing luggage or large bags
- Security like at the airport
- Charge your fit-bit & wear comfortable shoes
- Dress appropriately (i.e. business professional)



What to expect on the Hill

- Arrive early (10-15 minutes early) to get through security
- Utilize the map that you will be provided if you are unsure about your meeting location
 - You can also ask Capitol Police Officers for directions
- If you are running late or need to cancel your meeting, please be sure to notify the congressional office
- Double check that you have enough red folders for your meetings



What to expect on the Hill

- Don't underestimate the "youthful" look of Hill staff
- It's ok to be nervous
- Designate a spokesperson to get the most out of your meeting & a note taker
- Space on the Hill is limited so you might meet in the hallway





What to expect on the Hill

- When you arrive please let the front desk person know who you are & who you are meeting with
- Once the meeting starts, introduce everyone & mention you are with HACU
- Be sure to leave the red folder with the person(s) you are meeting with

What to expect on the Hill



- Thank the Member of Congress/staff for their time
- Be sure to take a business card
- Send a follow-up email within a week after your meeting
- Complete the feedback sheet & return to HACU staff



What to expect on the Hill

- Between your meetings be sure to give yourself time to walk, especially if you are in the House of Reps. & your next meeting is on the Senate side (or vice versa)
- It is recommended to give yourself 10-15 minutes to allow time to get through security and make it on time to your next meeting
- Drop-ins are welcome & encouraged with Congressional offices

After your Congressional meetings

- HACU will have a debriefing session from 4:30 – 5:15 PM in the Capitol Visitors Center, Congressional Meeting Room South
- Just because the meetings are over does not mean the relationship is over
- We encourage you to visit your federal representatives in their district office



HACU's Legislative Priorities

- 1) BRIDGE Act & DREAM Act
- 2) NSF HSI Program
- 3) Federal Budget
- 4) Year Round Pell
- 5) HSI Caucus



BRIDGE Act & DREAM Act

- BRIDGE Act would codify the DACA Program for 3 years
- HACU supports the bill, but it is a stopgap measure
- What is needed is the introduction & passage of the DREAM Act
- Encourage Congress to support the BRIDGE Act & thank the office if they already a co-sponsor



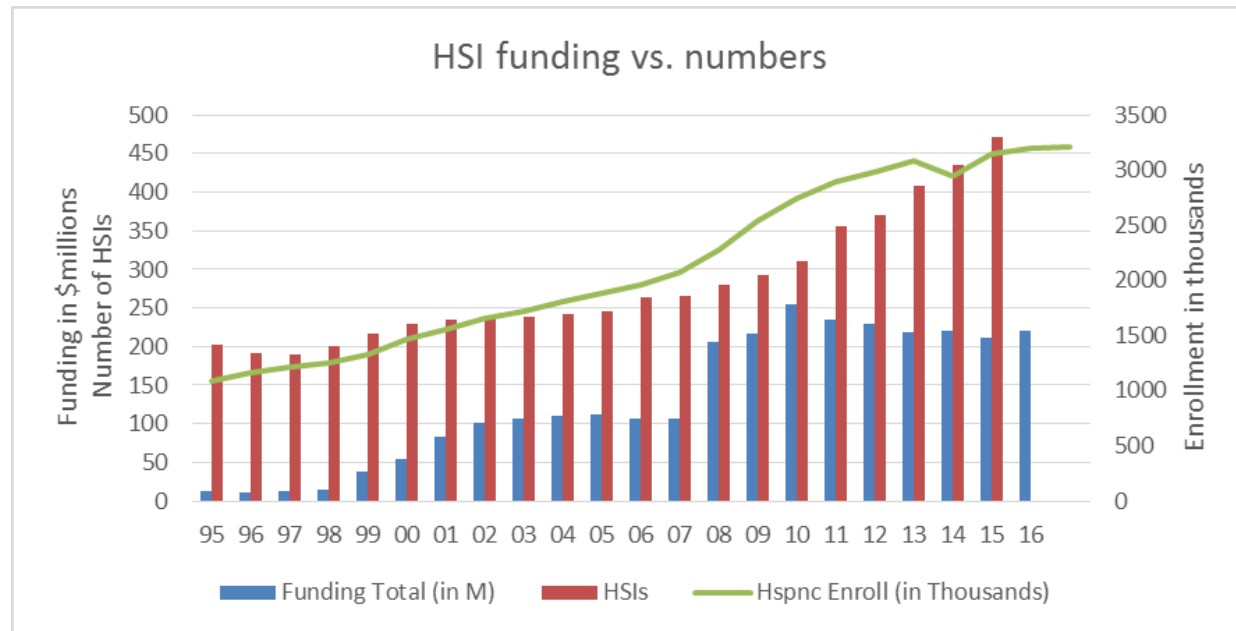
National Science Foundation HSI Program

- NSF since 2008 has had the authorization to create a HSI program but has chosen not to
- HSIs enroll over 60% of all Hispanic students in higher ed, so it's common sense to invest in these schools to address the dearth of Hispanics in STEM
- Investing in HSIs benefits all students & will help strengthen the future workforce to meet the demands of the global market
- We are asking Congress to urge NSF to fund the HSI program at \$30 million



Federal Budget

- FY2017 federal budget expires on April 28, 2017
- Important for Congress to reach an agreement to allow critical higher ed funding & programs to continue without disruption
- FY2018 budget process has yet to begin
 - Administration is expected to release its full budget in May
- Despite HSIs growth every year, federal funding has remained stagnant for over a decade
- On Monday, April 24th the GR team will provide on update on HACU's Appropriations requests



Congressional HSI Caucus

- HACU wants to re-establish the HSI Caucus
- Allows HACU to educate Members & their staff about the value & impact of HSIs
- Identifies the Members of Congress supportive of HSIs in a formal way
- Promotes a long-term working relationship & opportunity for collaboration on legislation



Advocacy Center Update

- Our first call to action was in support of the BRIDGE Act
 - We have sent over 360 letters to Congress from 115 individuals
- Register to learn about upcoming webinars
 - Next one is scheduled for May 24th @ 1:00 PM EST
- Encourage others to register to receive the latest higher education policy impacting HSIs



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Want to share this webinar with other colleagues attending the Capitol Forum?

Visit the Advocacy Center



The screenshot shows the HACU Advocacy Center website. At the top is the HACU logo (Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities) and a navigation menu with links for Home, Policy Agenda, Issues, Policy News, Our Stories, Events, Contact Us, and HACU.net. The main content area features a "Webinar Series" section with a laptop graphic displaying "register", "watch", and "discuss" in speech bubbles. Below this is a paragraph about ongoing advocacy efforts and a link to the schedule. A "Featured Video" section shows a video titled "About HACU" with a thumbnail image of a panel discussion. At the bottom right, there is a graphic for "everyone has a STORY" and "Impact of HSI Eligibility & Funding".

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Webinar Series

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As part of our ongoing advocacy efforts, the Government Relations team will host periodic webinars to keep advocates up to date with the latest higher education policies.

Please see the schedule below to register for webinars & view previous ones.

Past Webinars

Update & Outlook for Higher Education in 2017
January 24, 2017
1:00 - 2:15 PM EST (10:00-11:15 PST)
[Click here](#) to view webinar recording

The webinar provided an update on the 115th Congress and the new Administration's priorities on higher education issues. HACU's Government Relations team also discussed leadership changes in key congressional committees, a federal budget update, the National Science Foundation HSI program, efforts to extend the DACA program, Betsy DeVos' nomination for Secretary of Education, and answered questions from participants.

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