Washington Week 2024
Preliminary Agenda
(subject to change)

Monday, June 3

8:00 – 9:00 a.m.  Welcome Breakfast – Salon 4
Lynn M. Gangone, President and CEO, AACTE
Marquita Grenot-Scheyer, Chair, AACTE Board of Directors
Christine Gentry, Chair, Advisory Committee on Government Relations

9:00 – 10:00 a.m.  Opening Keynote: Special Assistant to the President for Education, Jessica Cardichon – Salon 4

10:00 a.m.  Holmes Scholars Depart for Meetings with Key Officials at NEA, NAACP, Latinos for Education, Zero to Three, Human Rights Campaign, and U.S. Department of Education

10:00 – 10:15 a.m.  Networking Break – Pre-function Area

10:15 – 11:00 a.m.  New Federal Regulations Affecting EPPs: Q&A with U.S. Department of Education – Salon 4
Jacqueline King, Senior Consultant, AACTE
Antoinette Flores, Senior Policy Advisor, U.S. Department of Education

11:00 – 11:45 a.m.  Student Financing of Educator Preparation: TEACH Grants and Loan Forgiveness – Salon 4
Moderator: Michael Yudin, Principal, Raben
Michael DiNapoli, Deputy Director of Federal Policy, Learning Policy Institute
Oksana Grybovych Hafermann, Chief of Staff, University of Northern Iowa
Ronny Lau, Manager, Government Relations, National Education Association
11:45 – 12:15 p.m.  **Table Talk: Implications of Panel for Hill Visits** – Salon 4

12:15 – 1:00 p.m.  **Networking Lunch** – Salon 4

12:15 – 5:00 p.m.  **State Leaders Institute** – Studio D

1:00 – 2:30 p.m.  **What’s It Really Like to Make Policy in Washington, DC? Round Robin Table Conversations** – Salon 4

   RJ Martin, Deputy Director and Counsel, House Committee on Education & the Workforce
   Moira Lenahan-Razzuri, Senior Policy Advisor, Senator Jack Reed (D-RI)
   Jonathon Fansmith, Senior Vice President, American Council on Education

2:30 – 2:45 p.m.  **Networking Break** – Pre-function Area

2:45 – 3:45 p.m.  **Policy Priorities in Education Technology: A Federal Perspective** – Salon 4

   Moderator: David Slykhuis, Chair, National Technology Leadership Summit
   Dominique Dallas, Federation of American Scientists Impact Fellow, U.S. Department of Education Office of Educational Technology
   Erin Mote, CEO and Founder, InnovateEDU

3:45 – 4:15 p.m.  **Table Talk: Implications of Panel for Hill Visits** – Salon 4

4:15 – 4:30 p.m.  **Wrap-up and Preview of Day Two** – Salon 4

   Carla Rynerson, Director, Government Affairs, Raben

4:30 – 5:00 p.m.  **Raben “Office Hours” as Needed** – Studio D

   Evening  **Dinner on Your Own**

**Tuesday, June 4**

8:00 – 9:00 a.m.  **Networking Breakfast** – Salon 4

9:00 – 3:00 p.m.  **Individual Media Training for State Leaders** – Studio C
9:00 – 9:30 a.m.  Lynn M. Gangone Remarks and Recognition

9:30 – 10:30 a.m.  Federal Budget and Legislative Update and Overview of AACTE Priorities
– Salon 4
Michael Yudin, Raben

10:30 – 10:45 a.m.  Networking Break – Pre-function Space

10:45 – 11:30 a.m.  Storytelling as an Advocacy Strategy
Moderator: Christine Gentry
Chrissie McHenry, Managing Principal, Strategic Communication, Raben
Charles Barnes, Rowan University - Holmes Scholar
Ellen Kahn, Vice President of Programs and Partnerships, Human Rights Campaign

11:30 – 12:00 p.m.  Instructions for State Team Time – Salon 4
Carla Rynerson, Raben

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.  Working Lunch for State Teams – Salon 4

12:00 – 3:30 p.m.  Facilitated State Team Time to Prepare for Day on the Hill – Salon 4

12:30 – 3:30 p.m.  “Office Hours” with AACTE Advocacy Team - Salon 4

3:30 – 3:45 p.m.  Networking Break – Pre-function Space

3:45 – 5:00 p.m.  Book Talk with Jane West, author of Advocating for the Common Good: People, Politics, Process, and Policy on Capitol Hill – Salon 4

5:00 – 6:00 p.m.  Networking Reception – Studio D
Informal Q&A for Holmes Scholars with Jane West – Studio C

Wednesday, June 5

7:00 – 8:00 a.m.  Breakfast – Salon 4

8:00 – 9:00 a.m.  Transportation to Capitol Hill – Hotel Lobby

9:00 – 5:00 p.m.  Day on the Hill:  Meetings with Representatives and Senators

Note: Because meetings may be scheduled on Capitol Hill until 5 p.m., please do not book departure travel prior to 7 p.m. ET on June 5.