



Washington Week 2025

AGENDA

(Updated 5/16/25)

Monday, June 2

7:30 a.m.

Registration open

8:00 – 9:00 a.m.

Networking Breakfast for Returning Attendees

8:00 – 9:00 a.m.

First-time Attendee Breakfast Session

9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Welcome to Washington Week

Opening Remarks:

Anne Tapp Jaksa, Chair, AACTE Board of Directors

Cheryl Holcomb-McCoy, President & CEO, AACTE

Interactive Role Play Activity

Agenda Review and Announcements

10:00 – 10:15 a.m.

Networking Break, Holmes Scholars & Other Students Depart for Advocacy Organization Meetings

10:15 – 11:45 a.m.

Session I: Understanding How the Feds Make Tax and Spending Policy

Presentation by Sarah Abernathy, Executive Director, Committee for Education Funding

Breakout Q&A with:

Samantha Wilkerson, House Education and Workforce Committee
Minority Staff

Amanda Beaumont, Senate Appropriations Committee Minority
staff

Tom Harnisch, Vice President of Government Relations, State
Higher Education Executive Officers

11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Networking Lunch
1:00 – 4:30 p.m.	State Leaders Institute
1:00 – 2:30 p.m.	Session II: Round-Robin Conversations with Veteran Policy Shapers & Advocates RJ Martin, House Education and Workforce Committee, Majority Staff Erica Romero, Managing Director of Policy, National Center for Teacher Residencies Amanda Fuchs Miller, President, Seventh Street Strategies
2:30 – 3:00 p.m.	Networking Break, Holmes Scholars & Other Students Return
3:00 – 4:30 p.m.	Session III: What is the future of federally funded education research? Moderator: Erin Mote, CEO, InnovateEDU Ken Redd, Director of Research, NACUBO Mamie Voight, President, Institute for Higher Education Policy Heather Schwartz, Vice President, Education and Labor, RAND
4:30 – 5:30 p.m.	Distribution of Day on the Hill Final Schedules & Raben “Office Hours” as Needed
4:45 – 5:30 p.m.	Holmes Off-site Debrief
5:30 – 7:00 p.m.	Networking Reception

Tuesday, June 3

7:30– 9:00 a.m.	Networking Breakfast for all Attendees
8:30-9:00 a.m.	Media Training Introduction for State Leaders
9:00 – 10:00 a.m.	Overview of AACTE Priorities and Advice for Successful Advocacy Jacqueline King, Senior Consultant, AACTE Michael Yudin, Principal, Raben
10:00 – 10:15 a.m.	Networking Break
10:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Individual Media Training for State Leaders (20 minute sessions)

10:15 – 11:30 a.m.	Washington Week Veterans Panel Moderator: Stacey Edmondson, Chair-elect, AACTE Board of Directors Reyan Warren, Holmes Scholar Council President Meredith Critchfield, Member, AACTE Advisory Committee on Government Relations and Advocacy Jared Stallones, Member, AACTE Advisory Committee on Government Relations and Advocacy
11:30 a.m.	Instructions for Day on the Hill Preparation
12:00 – 1:00 p.m.	Networking Lunch for State Teams
1:00 – 5:00 p.m.	State Team Preparation for Day on the Hill
3:00 – 5:30 p.m.	State Team “Office Hours” with Raben (20 minute sessions)
5:30 – 6:00 p.m.	Raben Available for Final Questions
Evening	Dinner on Your Own

Wednesday, June 4

7:00 – 8:00 a.m.	Grab n’ Go Breakfast, Hotel Check-out, and Luggage Storage
8:00 a.m.	Transportation to Capitol Hill
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Day on the Hill: Meetings with House and Senate Office