

AGENDA

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Association for Career and Technical Education National Policy Seminar

With Agricultural Education Strand

Crystal Gateway Marriott Hotel; Arlington (Crystal City), Virginia
March 10-12, 2008

Registration Hours

Monday: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday: 7:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

ACTE Bookstore Hours

Monday: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday: 7:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday: 7:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

2008 National Policy Seminar Sessions

Monday, March 10

9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

New Attendees Briefing

This session will brief new first-time NPS attendees on the basics of Congressional advocacy, including legislative terminology, how to conduct a meeting with Members of Congress, and what to expect during visits to Capitol Hill.

10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Opening General Session – Keynote Speaker: Amy Walter

Amy Walter is one of the nation's top political forecasters. She is the Senior Editor of The Cook Political Report, a non-partisan publication, which provides analysis of Presidential, U.S. Senate, House and gubernatorial races. In addition, Ms. Walter serves as a political analyst for CNN and has served as a panelist and commentator on *Face the Nation*, *Meet the Press*, *Washington Journal*, *The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer*, and the *CBS Early Show*.

12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Lunch Break

2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

ACTE Issues Briefing

Take advantage of this opportunity to get the most up-to-date information on legislative initiatives affecting your programs. This session will allow you to become more familiar with policy issues and learn about ACTE positions and key messages. The information will help you advocate for a strengthened federal investment in career and technical education during your visits on Capitol Hill.

3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

State Planning Round Tables with Snack Break

This state planning time will help you present a united front to your legislators – and make an unforgettable impact to further demonstrate the strength of the CTE community and the importance of our issues. You will have time to work together with colleagues from your state to plan strategy for your Hill meetings, to ask any last minute questions, and to hear some tips from Public Policy staff members. Copies of “leave behinds” will be distributed during this time.

6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

**Ag Ed Strand: Dinner and Session
“Salon C” – Crystal Gateway Marriott Hotel**

Tuesday, March 11	
7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	General Session & Continental Breakfast: <i>Congressional Staff Perspectives on Congress</i> Key Congressional staff members will be invited to present information regarding issues currently under discussion by Congress, including the reauthorizations of the No Child Left Behind Act, Workforce Investment Act, and Higher Education Act; and the FY 2009 budget and appropriations processes.
9:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	General Session: Broad Education/Workforce Issues Get in depth perspective on broad issues facing education and workforce development personnel, such as high school and postsecondary reform, the impact of NCLB, or other timely topics.
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Ag Council of America Meet & Mingle Luncheon Room 902 Hart Senate Office Building (Please invite your members of Congress and Congressional staff to this event; see invitation in separate attachment; you may attend only if you have a member of Congress or a Congressional staff person attending with you.)
2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	FFA Rally on Capitol Hill Room 902 Hart Senate Office Building (Agricultural educators welcome; not intended for members of Congress and Capitol Hill staff)
11:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Capitol Hill Visits (You are also welcome to bring members of Congress and Congressional staff with you to the 11:30 a.m. event and you are welcome to attend the FFA Rally at 2:00 p.m. Visiting with your members of Congress and Congressional staff should take precedence over the 11:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. events.)
4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	ACTE Policymaker of the Year Award(s) Presentation – CAPITOL HILL Attend this special ACTE event on Capitol Hill to wrap up your day and recognize Policymaker of the Year award winners. Refreshments will be provided.
5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Ag Council of America Reception and Dinner USDA – Whitten Building – Lobby/Patio (optional event – tickets available for about \$150 per ticket)
Wednesday, March 12	
8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	General Session & Continental Breakfast ACTE Teacher of the Year, Judy Brown, will share her thoughts on and experiences with advocacy.
10:00 a.m. – ?	Capitol Hill Visits