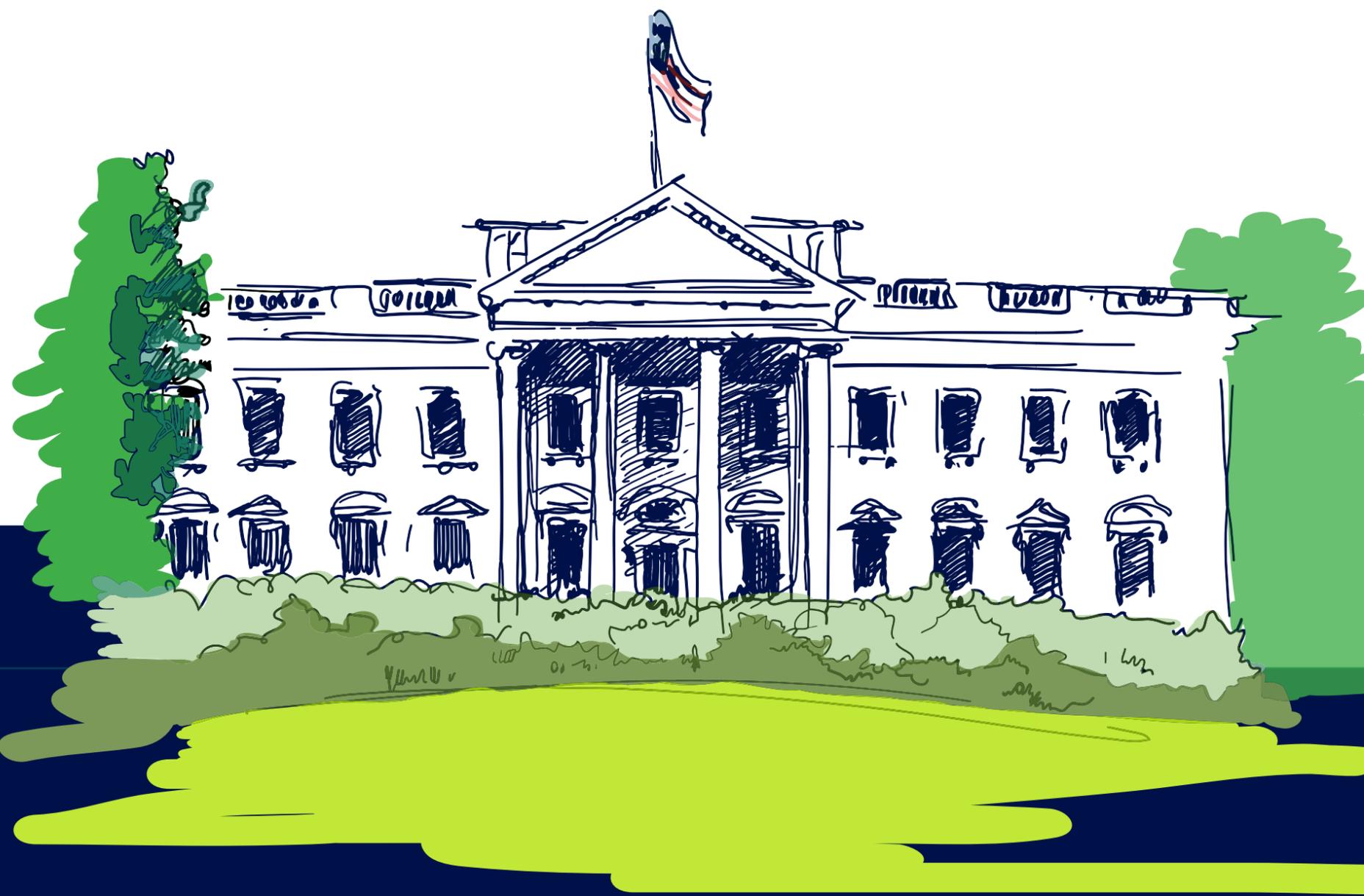




# Gala 2022



Wednesday, September 21, 2022  
6:00pm - 9:00pm

InterContinental-The Wharf

Washington, DC

**PROGRAM GUIDE**



# WHAT KIDS & COMMUNITIES NEED

On behalf of the 1.7 million members of the **American Federation of Teachers**, we are proud to support the Committee for Education Funding and its 2022 Gala honorees:

- **Rep. Frederica Wilson** for receiving the CEF's inaugural Patsy Takemoto Mink National Leader Award;
- **Sen. Roy Blunt** and **Rep. John Yarmuth** for the Richard W. Riley Career Service Award; and
- **Sen. Chris Murphy** for the William H. Natcher Distinguished Service Award.

We stand with you as champions of great schools and colleges that fulfill the promise of public education, good jobs that support a middle-class life, affordable healthcare for all, the fight against discrimination and hate, and the defense of democracy.

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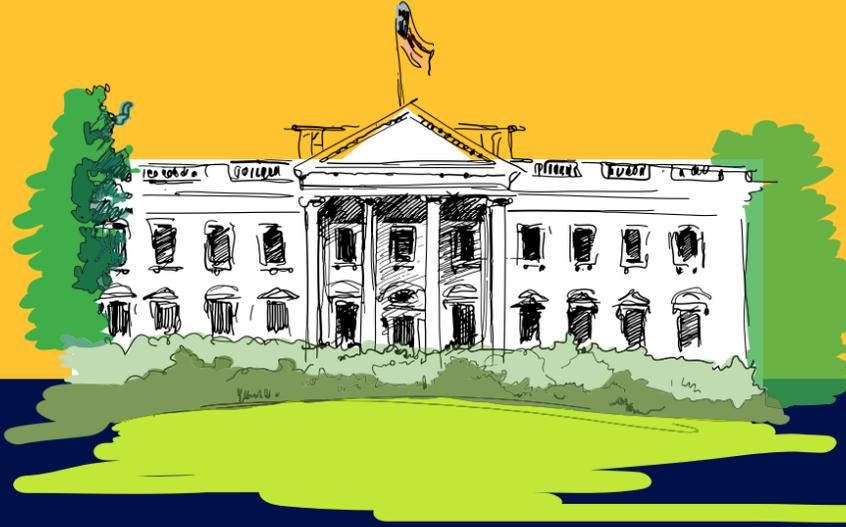


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## ~ Menu ~

### FIRST COURSE

Roasted Stone Fruit Salad  
Burnt-Honey Mascarpone, Brandy Drunken Grapes, Pistachios

### ENTRÉE

Seared Filet of Tenderloin & Pan-Seared Salmon  
Roasted Sweet Potato Puree, Grilled Asparagus, Roasted Tomatoes,  
Tomato Emulsion, Red Wine Jus

*(Vegetarian option available upon request)*

### DESSERT

Berry Mascarpone Cake  
Seasonal Berries  
Coffee, Decaf, Hot Tea

# GREETINGS FROM THE CEF PRESIDENT

## Emmanuel A. Guillory

*Director of Student and Institutional  
Aid Policy  
National Association of Independent  
Colleges and Universities*



Dear Friends and Colleagues:

Welcome to the Committee for Education Funding's (CEF) Gala and congressional awards ceremony, the annual premier education community event that brings together advocates, policymakers, and administrators to celebrate important increases in the federal investment in education and to honor congressional champions who helped make this happen.

Last year's outdoor reception and livestreamed award presentation marked our first in-person event 18 months after education and advocacy abruptly had to become virtual. This year, we are pleased to celebrate in-person while also acknowledging both the challenges that remain as the country emerges from the pandemic and the painful losses and hardships that continue to face students and families and all those who work in education.

In the last year, Congress increased funding for the Department of Education by \$2.9 billion (5.7%) for programs other than Pell grants—the largest increase in regular Education funding in more than 15 years—while increasing the maximum Pell grant by the largest amount in 13 years. It also provided vital increases for early childhood education programs in the Department of Health and Human Services and for education-related programs in other agencies.

Tonight, we are pleased to recognize four Members of Congress who have demonstrated their strong commitment to increasing the federal investment in education for the success of our nation's students. CEF is awarding its inaugural Patsy Takemoto Mink National Leader Award to **Representative Frederica Wilson (D-FL)**, **Senator Roy Blunt (R-MO)** and **Representative John Yarmuth (D-KY)**, chair of the House Budget Committee, will each receive the Richard W. Riley Career Service Award. Finally, **Senator Chris Murphy (D-CT)** will receive the William H. Natcher Distinguished Service Award.

Many thanks to the Gala Committee co-chairs, CEF members, and ACG Advocacy staff who worked to make this event a success, and thank you to all the sponsors who contributed to this key education community event. We would not be able to celebrate without your support.

I hope you enjoy the evening!

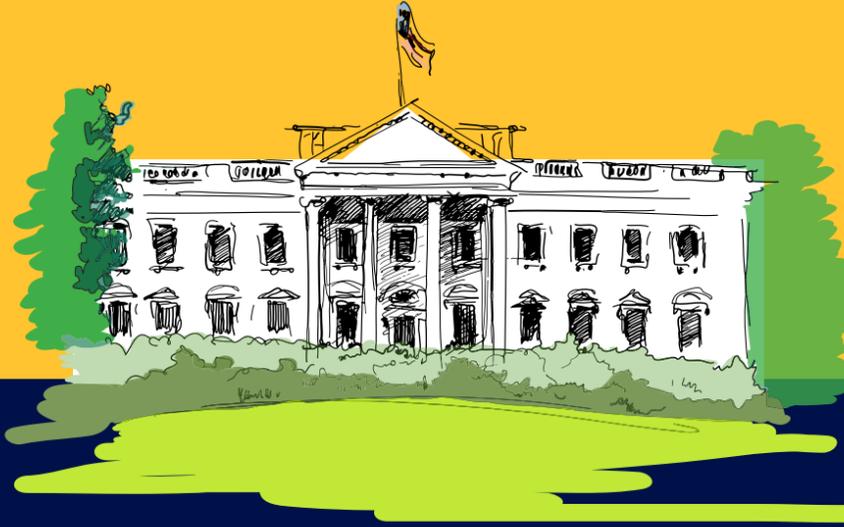
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## ~ Tonight's Program ~

RECEPTION - 6:00PM-7:30PM

BANQUET - 7:30PM-9:00PM

### WELCOME

Sarah Abernathy, Executive Director, Committee for Education Funding

Award presentation to CEF Honoree Senator Roy Blunt (MO)

### DINNER

### REMARKS

Emmanuel A. Guillory, CEF President

### AWARD PRESENTATION TO CEF HONOREES

Representative Frederica Wilson (FL)

Representative John Yarmuth (KY)

Senator Chris Murphy (CT)

### CONCLUDING REMARKS

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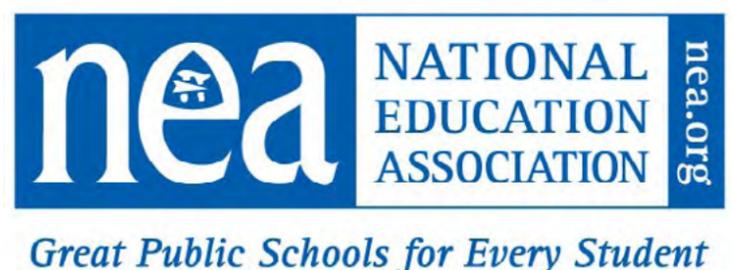
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# ABOUT CEF

The [Committee for Education Funding \(CEF\)](#) is a non-partisan and non-profit coalition started more than 50 years ago by K-12 and higher education groups as an ad hoc “emergency committee for full funding of education.” Today it is the nation’s oldest and largest education



coalition that speaks with one voice on one message—to increase federal funding for all education programs to ensure our students’ success. CEF now has more than 110 [members](#) representing the continuum of education—early childhood education, elementary and secondary education, higher education, adult and workforce education, and out-of-school educational enhancements such as libraries, museums, and afterschool services. Members include students and families, teachers and faculty, administrators, specialized instructional support personnel and other school employees, school board members, librarians, businesses, and education-related organizations from across the country.

CEF’s mission has remained the same, but our advocacy and approach evolves to reflect changing needs as well as changes in Congress and the Administration. In the last two-and-a-half years, so many in the education community have suffered traumatic losses, continued challenges and stress, and breaks in education. The need for federal support has only grown.

CEF’s advocacy and informational resources expanded since the beginning of the pandemic. CEF now provides virtual briefings for its members that address newly vital topics like the mental health needs and resources for the education community, as well as education technology and the equity of access. CEF has also provided virtual briefings to congressional staff and the education community on [shortages in the educator workforce](#), the [impact of COVID-19 on education jobs](#), and the [impact on state education budgets](#) (view them at the links noted).

CEF continues to make the case to Congress and the Administration that federal support for education is among the best investment the government can make by meeting with congressional offices, writing [letters](#), publishing our [annual education budget book](#), providing briefings, and sharing [information on education funding](#). This summer we held a successful [#CEFHillDay](#), with CEF members fanning out in person and with virtual meetings with 35 congressional offices. In the last year, CEF tried new approaches to reach more people and make it easier for them to tell leaders why education funding matters. We’ve done some [paid media advocacy](#). We held Twitter livestreams [explaining the President’s K-12 education budget](#), and others focusing on how congressional budgeting processes like reconciliation and return to “earmarking” might impact education.

This year we are happy to have more in-person advocacy and events, including the Gala, where we have a chance to meet with colleagues in the education community and honor champions of education!

**How you can be involved.** We encourage everyone to join CEF and our members in supporting increased investments in education. CEF’s website ([www.cef.org](http://www.cef.org)) highlights research on the impact of education along the continuum. We post information on Congressional funding action and how to share your views with Congress. Please follow our advocacy and informational resources at [@edfunding](#) on [Twitter](#) and on [Instagram](#), and at [Cmte4edfunding](#) on [Facebook](#).

# CEF GALA 2022 AWARD

## The Patsy Takemoto Mink National Leader Award

*For outstanding advocacy in support of education funding as a federal priority.*



## The Honorable Frederica Wilson Representative from Florida

Representative Frederica Wilson, education champion and civil rights activist, is the first recipient of this newly established CEF award and truly embodies the spirit of the late Patsy Mink. As a former Head Start administrator, elementary school principal, school board member, and state legislator, she has dedicated herself to improving the lives of all young people, especially giving voice to marginalized and unrepresented youth. As testimony to her leadership, Skyway Elementary where she served as principal has been renamed in her honor – the Dr. Frederica S. Wilson/Skyway Elementary School.

Joining CEF's [#HearOurEdStories](#) activities, Congresswoman Wilson affirmed her support for greater investment in education. As chair of the House Education and Labor Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Investment, she has focused on college affordability, campus climate and safety, and apprenticeships and workforce training. She has introduced legislation to update and reform income-driven repayment plans and the public service loan forgiveness program, helping more students to access postsecondary education and have fulfilling careers. Representative Wilson has also worked tirelessly to ensure greater funding to support Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

**“ By investing in healthy and productive children, we are investing in the future and prosperity of our nation. I have made it my life’s work to help children succeed in all facets of life and I will continue to put our nation’s students first as we work to give our next generation of leaders a brighter future.”**

At the K-12 level, she has focused on ensuring students are healthy and prepared to learn, supporting improvements to and expansion of the child nutrition programs. She has also authored a bill that would put at least one registered nurse in every elementary and secondary school. Congresswoman Wilson was elected in 2010 to represent the 24th district of Florida, one of the most ethnically and culturally diverse districts in the nation.

***Representative Patsy Takemoto Mink was the first woman of color elected to Congress, where she represented Hawaii’s second District from 1965-1977 and again from 1990 until her death in 2002. Working on the House Committee on Education and Labor, she sponsored landmark legislation to expand access to education and women’s rights. A co-author of Title IX that protects against discrimination based on sex in education programs or activities, she also championed access to education and child care, women’s rights, and civil rights.***

# CEF GALA 2022 AWARD

## The Richard W. Riley Career Service Award

*For an outstanding career of exemplary support of a better education for all.*



## The Honorable John Yarmuth Representative from Kentucky

Representative John Yarmuth was a recipient of a “new member” award from CEF in his first year in Congress, an early acknowledgement of his strong support for education funding. That passion has not diminished throughout his congressional career. One of his signature accomplishments has been his advocacy for comprehensive literacy services and funding from birth through adulthood, recognizing literacy as the foundation for success in school and life. He has also been a champion for closing the homework gap, most recently through the Emergency Connectivity Fund. At the postsecondary level, Representative Yarmuth has worked to expand access to postsecondary education, through funding for year-round Pell Grants and support for free community college for students from low-income families. As a member of the Education and Labor Committee, he has also worked to fund research on and implementation of cutting-edge technologies in education and job training.

As chair of the House Budget Committee, Representative Yarmuth has staunchly supported funding for early childhood programs, noting that investments in early education, child care, and nutrition, among other priorities, will be repaid many times through better outcomes for children, families, and society. That interest in early childhood education also extended to support for public television and the use of media to prepare children for school. In addition, he has been a consistent champion for full funding of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act to ensure children and youth with disabilities receive a quality education with appropriate supports and services.

Congressman John Yarmuth has represented Kentucky’s 3rd district since 2007. Since 2019, he has served as Chairman of the House Budget Committee.

**“ Education is quite simply the key to America’s long term success in the world, it is the great hope for our children and future generations, and in America, a world-class education should be a right, not a crap shoot.”**

***The Honorable Richard W. Riley’s career has been one of striving to better education opportunities for all Americans, as the longest serving Secretary of Education in United States history and as Governor of South Carolina.***

# CEF GALA 2022 AWARD

## The Richard W. Riley Career Service Award

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## The Honorable Roy Blunt Senator from Missouri

As the first person in his family to graduate college and a former history teacher and university president, Senator Roy Blunt understands the importance of a good education as a critical steppingstone to a better life. During his tenure in the Senate, he has served as chair and ranking member of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, affording him the opportunity to help create a path to a quality education for all Americans.

He has worked to strengthen the elementary and secondary education formula grant programs – Title I, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, and Career and Technical Education – and has worked to give school districts flexibility in how these funds are used. He has also been a consistent supporter of early childhood care and education through Head Start and the Child Care and Development Block Grant. In the postsecondary arena, Senator Blunt has championed increases to the maximum Pell grant, as well as year-round Pell grants to help more low-income students complete college earlier, lowering student loan costs for both borrowers and taxpayers.

During the pandemic, Senator Blunt set funding for mental and behavioral health, both in schools and community settings, as a top priority. Working with a bipartisan group of senators, those efforts culminated in passage of the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act, giving schools more resources to hire mental health professionals and ensure a safe and supportive environment for learning. He also continued his support for investments in workforce development and job training, with an eye to addressing the costs the pandemic has had on our nation's economy.

Senator Blunt represented Missouri through seven terms in the House of Representatives and has served his home state in the Senate since 2010.

**“As I reflect on my time here working on behalf of Missourians, and for our country, I’m proud to say I’ve worked to strengthen our education programs that provide the most opportunities to every American.”**

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# CEF GALA 2022 AWARD



## William H. Natcher Service Award

*For distinguished service in elevating education as a priority to ensure better opportunities for our nation's citizens.*

## The Honorable Chris Murphy Senator from Connecticut

Senator Chris Murphy has been a consistent supporter of education funding that connects student well-being to academic success. During the pandemic, he saw the need to address the trauma students and school staff were experiencing, championing funding to hire more school-based mental health professionals and working to provide a positive climate for learning. Through the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act, he enhanced those efforts, ensuring funds are available for early identification and intervention of youth with mental health challenges. He also worked to add funding through the E-rate program for emergency connectivity and devices, as schools pivoted to online learning. He led efforts for dedicated funding in the American Rescue Plan Act to provide quality summer and afterschool enrichment programs through collaborations among school districts, community-based organizations, and municipalities.

Senator Murphy has cosponsored legislation to promote diversity, equity, and inclusion in schools, including efforts to expand the Magnet Schools Program and further advance magnet schools' diversity-related goals. In addition, Senator Murphy has supported full funding of K-12 programs for students with disabilities, as well as full funding for programs serving children with disabilities from birth through preschool.

At the higher education level, Senator Murphy is working to make college more accessible, sponsoring legislation that would guarantee tuition-free community college for all students and allow students in families making up to \$125,000 a year to attend public colleges and universities tuition-free and debt-free. The bill would also double the maximum Pell Grant and significantly increase TRIO and GEAR UP Programs, providing a path to higher education for students who might not have thought that possible.

Senator Murphy has represented Connecticut in Congress since 2007, first as a Representative and since 2013 as a Senator.

***Representative William H. Natcher, representing Kentucky's second District from 1953-1994, chaired the House Committee on Appropriations and its Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services and Education. One of the nation's most committed advocates for children and education, Rep. Natcher stated, "When you take care of the health of your people and educate your children, you continue to live in the strongest country in the world."***

***"Every student in America should have the opportunity to receive a high-quality education, from early childhood through college, regardless of race, zip code, or learning ability."***

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The American Council on Education is proud to be a sponsor of this year's Committee for Education Funding (CEF) Gala.

We congratulate and thank the 2022 CEF Gala honorees:

**Representative Frederica Wilson (D-FL)**

**Senator Roy Blunt (R-MO)**

**Representative John Yarmuth (D-KY)**

**Senator Chris Murphy (D-CT)**

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**Representative Frederica Wilson (D-FL)**  
Inaugural Patsy Takemoto Mink National Leader Award

**Senator Roy Blunt (R-MO)**  
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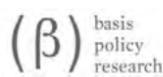
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- Representative Frederica Wilson, (FL)
- Representative John Yarmuth, (KY)



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# CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU

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**Congratulations to Senator Roy Blunt, Senator  
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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR DEDICATION TO EDUCATION &  
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## Leadership Matters

Congratulations to the **2022 CEF honorees:**



**SENATOR ROY BLUNT (R-MO)**  
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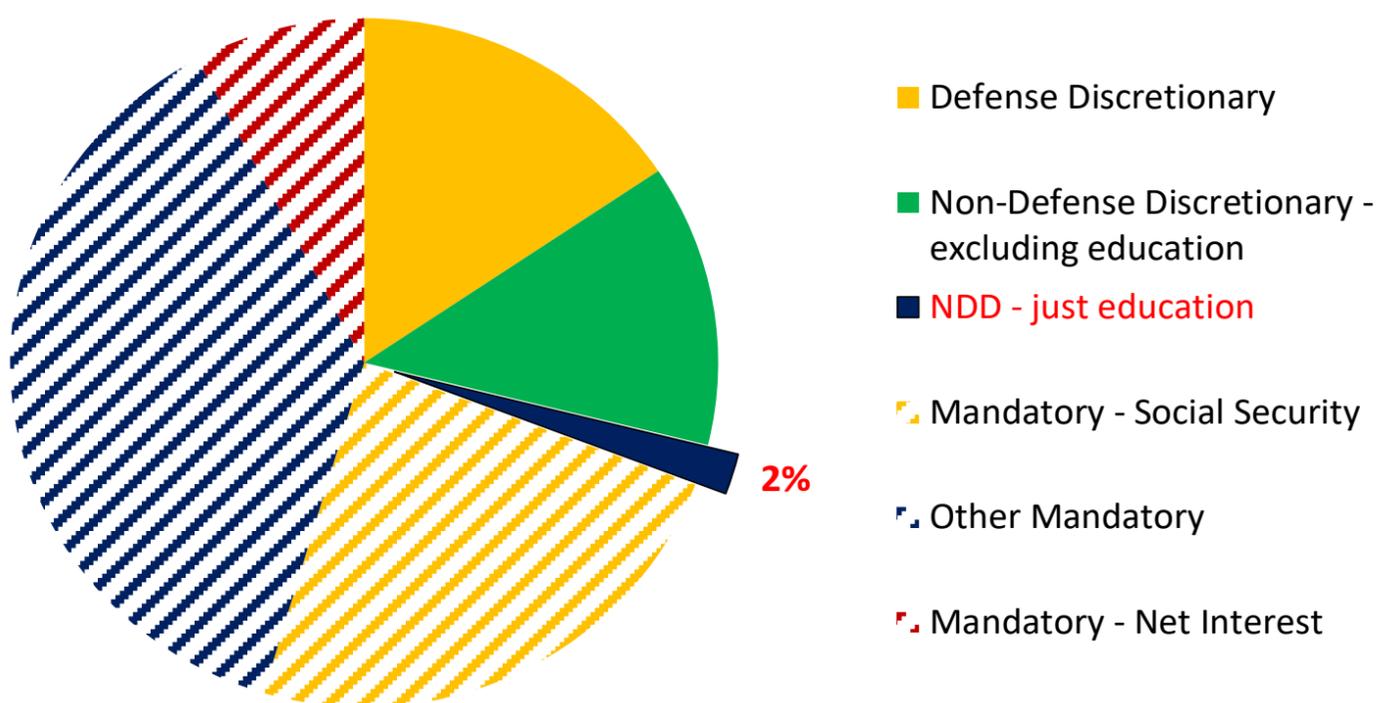
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