



Wednesday, May 12, 2021

## I. Nominate someone to honor at CEF's 2021 Hybrid Gala reception on September 28, 2021

- **CEF's gala 2021: a hybrid reception in DC and livestreamed award ceremony** – CEF is excited to return to its tradition of holding a fall gala that brings the education advocacy community together for camaraderie, celebration, and to honor champions of education. Because of the pandemic we are holding a different type of gala this year and plan to return to the InterContinental-The Wharf for the customary reception and awards banquet in fall 2022. **This year, we're holding an outdoor reception at [Due South Dockside](#) along the Anacostia River in DC's Navy Yard neighborhood on the evening of Tuesday, September 28.** It is an outdoor bar literally on the boardwalk, with a canopy in case of rain or too much sun and plenty of fresh air for safety. It's a short walk from the Navy Yard metro stop, with plentiful garage parking nearby along with scarce street parking. Tickets to attend in-person will be \$100, and include appetizers, drink tickets, a CEF-branded memento, and attendance at the award ceremony. For those who can't attend in person, we'll provide a free link to the livestream of the award ceremony at the end of the event. (Tickets and sponsorships will go on sale later this summer.) Feel free to reach out if you have questions or suggestions now.
- **Nominate someone to honor at this year's CEF Gala** – Here's your chance to suggest a champion of education to receive an award at CEF's 2021 gala. Past [awardees](#) comprise a bipartisan roster of those who have taken a lead in efforts to provide federal education funding, including Members of Congress, Administration officials, congressional and administration staff, and others working outside of government on national funding initiatives that help students and promote learning.
  - **Think creatively about nominees** – Is there someone who was instrumental in drafting and shepherding through education support in the COVID bills? Is there someone who has steadfastly pushed for education funding increases? How about someone who is crafting new avenues to increase education funding? We want awardees to represent the range of our members' interests. Please make sure to detail your nominee's accomplishments in advancing education funding for the Gala Committee to consider when making its recommendation for a slate of honorees.
  - **Nomination form attached** – **Please fill out the attached nomination form and send it to [Gala Committee co-chair Peter DeYoe at \[peter\\\_deyoe@harvard.edu\]\(mailto:peter\_deyoe@harvard.edu\) by June 11.](#)** CEF's Gala Committee will review the nominations and recommend a slate of honorees to the CEF Board of Directors, with final approval by CEF membership at a Friday meeting this summer.