



Wednesday, August 14, 2019

### Thanks to those who have already sponsored CEF's 2019 Gala!

**Straight "A"s:** American Federation of Teachers (AFT).

**Star Student:** American Continental Group; American Council on Education (ACE); National Education Association.

**Dean's List:** **Just added: AASA/ Consortium for School Networking/National School Boards Association.** American Library Association (ALA); Council for Opportunity in Education (COE); MRM Associates/CASE; National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (NAICU); National PTA/NACAC; Title IV-A Coalition.

**Honor Roll:** **Just added: Council of Chief State School Officers.** American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME); Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities (AJCU); Bose Public Affairs Group; National Association of Federally Impacted Schools (NAFIS); National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (NASFAA); National Association of Secondary School Principals/National Association of Elementary School Principals/American Federation of School Administrators; National Council for Community and Education Partnerships (NCCEP); Women in Government Relations.

## I. Policy Intelligence and Education News

- **More evidence on the value of investing in education along the continuum** – A recent study provides yet more evidence of the return on investments in education. [A paper](#) by Harvard researchers Nathaniel Hendren and Ben Sprung-Keyser plotted the value (the willingness to pay divided by cost) of various social policies, and found that education investments in children from low-income families had the best return. The number one finding of the report stated: "Indeed, we find that expansions of health insurance to children, investments in preschool and K-12 education, and policies increasing college attainment all yield high returns." This is the type of information CEF always tries to highlight when urging Congress to increase investments along the education continuum!

## II. CEF Gala and Legislative Conference on September 18

- **Reminder: Gala sponsorships, tickets, and program ads are for sale** – Thanks to the organizations listed above that have already purchased sponsorships to CEF's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary gala and legislative conference on September 18! This year CEF's gala will be at an exciting new location and will feature a seated dinner and awards ceremony following a reception, all at the [InterContinental-The Wharf](#) in DC's southwest waterfront neighborhood. CEF's gala is the once-a-year opportunity for the education community to come together for an enjoyable evening that honors champions of education; tickets also include attendance at the legislative conference in the afternoon. The gala is

also a fundraiser for CEF – the only one we hold all year. (Please see the CEF Update from July 29 for the events details – the speakers, nominated honorees, and the legislative conference.)

- **How to become a sponsor or purchase individual tickets** - We encourage you to sign up now to be a sponsor or to buy individual tickets – the venue has a maximum seating capacity and we don't want anyone to miss out because they waited to get a ticket at the last minute. You can purchase sponsorships or tickets by contacting the CEF staff, or you can purchase them directly on CEF's website [here](#). Information about the benefits of each sponsorship category is shared [here](#) – we are happy to answer any questions.
- **Hill/Administration staff guests** – As in the past, you may buy tickets for Hill or Administration staff whom you'd like CEF to invite to join you at the gala; those staffers will be seated with you for the dinner and awards ceremony. To comply with ethics rules, as the sponsor of the event, CEF, must issue the invitation to Hill and Administration staff on your behalf. Once you let us know who you'd like us to invite we'll keep you informed of all responses, and we encourage you to follow up after the initial invitation from CEF.

### III. Events

- **CEF's upcoming schedule –**
  - **Wednesday, August 21**, 10-11:30 a.m., CEF summer research briefing on Special Education Funding at AACTE, 1307 New York Ave, NW.  
Panelists:
    - Myrna Mandlawitz, Council of Administrators of Special Education
    - Angela Neely, Executive Director of Special Education, Culpeper County Public Schools, Culpeper, VA
    - Sharon Walsh, Government Relations Consultant, Division for Early Childhood of the Council for Exceptional Children (DEC) and the IDEA Infant Toddler Coordinators AssociationModerator: Valerie C. Williams, CEF Vice President and Director of Government Relations, National Association of State Directors of Special Education
  - **Friday, September 6**, 9-11 a.m., at AACTE (1307 New York Ave, NW). Guest speaker: Joshua Delaney, Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-MA).
  - **Friday, September 13**, 9-11 a.m., at AACTE (1307 New York Ave, NW). Guest speaker: Abbas Alawieh, Rep. Andy Levin (D-MI).
  - **Wednesday, September 18**, legislative conference and gala – see details above.
  - **Friday, September 20** – No CEF meeting.
  - **Friday, September 27**, 9-11 a.m. Quarterly Committee meetings, location TBD.