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The NCHER offices will be closed on Monday, January 16, 2023 for the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. The office will reopen – and the Daily Briefing will resume publication – on Tuesday, January 17, 2023. We hope that you have a safe and healthy holiday weekend!

NCHER Legislative and Leadership Conference – Register Before Early Bird Rate Expires Tomorrow!

The NCHER Legislative and Leadership Conference, which will be held on February 6-8, 2023 at the Westin Washington, DC City Center, is less than a month away! This popular conference will be the first opportunity to hear about federal and state developments impacting the higher education finance industry and to meet with the House and Senate Education Committee leadership, Biden Administration officials, and your Congressional delegation on your organization's advocacy priorities. [So Register Today!](#)

The NCHER Board of Directors and staff have been hard at work putting together the program agenda geared toward providing important and timely sessions on the political and policy environment in the U.S. House of Representatives, the U.S. Senate, and the Biden Administration. This is a 'can't-miss' event for the NCHER membership! The current [draft agenda](#) includes:

- An important session that will provide a federal update on recent developments impacting the higher education finance industry and the outlook as we begin 2023.
- Members of the U.S. House Education and the Workforce Committee and U.S. Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee have been invited to speak about their priorities for higher education, including ideas to improve federal and private student loan programs and college access and success initiatives.
- Members of the U.S. Department of Education have been invited to speak about the agency's policies and priorities, including reforms to the federal student loan program.
- A Congressional staff panel where House and Senate staff will discuss the priorities of the Democratic and Republican leadership in the 118th Congress and whether there are consensus areas for enactment of improvements to federal and private student aid programs.
- A timely session examining enrollment trends in postsecondary education, followed by observations from college and university leaders on a range of current topics such as learner access, affordability, student outcomes, and value measures.
- Engaging sessions examining state policies impacting higher education finance; examining recent proposals impacting private student loan programs; and how the higher education finance industry is managing Board and staff through the period of ongoing uncertainty and change as a result of the federal student loan forgiveness program, Fresh Start, and new income-driven repayment plans.

- Multiple opportunities to meet with your Congressional delegation on Capitol Hill, and a bootcamp session to review NCHER's Advocacy Priorities for the 2023 in advance of Congressional and agency visits.

The Early Bird registration deadline has been extended to tomorrow – January 13, 2023. [So Register Today!](#) Once you're doing registering, be sure that you make your hotel reservations at the Westin. NCHER has secured a room rate of \$199 per room, per night, which will be available until the group reservation cut off date or the room block is full whichever comes first. You can call the hotel at 202-429-1700 or click [here](#) to make online reservations.

We look forward to seeing you in-person in Washington, DC!

House Appropriations Committee Chair Granger Selects Subcommittee Chairs, Aderholt Tapped to Lead Education Panel

Yesterday, House Appropriations Committee Chair Kay Granger (R-TX) released a list of subcommittee chairs that will be responsible for shepherding the 12 individual appropriations bills that make up the discretionary portion of the federal government. The list will still need to be ratified by the House Republican Steering Committee which plans to meet next week. To that end, Committee Spokesperson Sarah Flaim stated, "Chairwoman Granger is still working to put together her recommendations for subcommittee chairs. She will not finalize her list until it's time to submit it to steering next week." The current list includes the following:

- Rep. Robert Aderholt (R-AL) – Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, Related Agencies Subcommittee
- Rep. Mark Amodei (R-NV) – Legislative Branch Subcommittee
- Rep. Ken Calvert (R-CA) – Defense Subcommittee
- Rep. John Carter (R-TX) – Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee
- Rep. Tom Cole (R-OK) – Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Subcommittee
- Rep. Mario Diaz-Balart (R-FL) – State and Foreign Operations Subcommittee
- Rep. Chuck Fleischmann (R-TN) – Energy and Water Subcommittee
- Rep. Andy Harris (R-MD) – Agriculture-Rural Development Subcommittee

- Rep. Hal Rogers (R-KY) – Commerce-Justice-Science Subcommittee
- Rep. Mike Simpson (R-ID) – Interior and Environment Subcommittee
- Rep. Steve Womack (R-AR) – Financial Services and General Government Subcommittee
- Rep. Dave Joyce (R-OH) – Homeland Security Subcommittee

Rep. Aderholt currently serves as the Ranking Member of the Commerce, Justice, and Science Subcommittee and would leave that position to replace Rep. Cole as head of the Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Subcommittee. He represents Alabama's Fourth Congressional District. According to his biography, Rep. Aderholt is an advocate of fiscal responsibility, truth in budgeting, and a federal government that operates within its means. Prior to his election to Congress, he served as Assistant Legal Advisor to Governor Fob James as well as Municipal Judge for the city of Haleyville, Alabama. Educated through Alabama's public school system, he went on to receive his B.A. from Birmingham Southern College and his J.D. from the Cumberland School of Law at Samford University.

Separately, Chairwoman Granger [announced](#) the new Republican members that will serve on the committee for the 118th Congress. They include: Rep. Stephanie Bice (OK-05), Rep. Jerry Carl (AL-01), Rep. Juan Ciscomani (AZ-06), Rep. Michael Cloud (TX-27), Rep. Andrew Clyde (GA-09), Rep. Jake Ellzey (TX-06), Rep. Scott Franklin (FL-18), Rep. Michael Guest (MS-03), Rep. Jake LaTurner (KS-02), and Rep. Ryan Zinke (MT-01).

States, Law Professors File Amicus Briefs Urging Supreme Court to Reject Challenge to Federal Student Loan Forgiveness

On Wednesday, multiple groups representing states, localities, college and university professors, and other interested parties filed amicus briefs with the U.S. Supreme Court urging the court to lift the injunction put in place by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit blocking the U.S. Department of Education from implementing its federal student loan forgiveness program. Among the 15 briefs filed, the State of Massachusetts (on behalf of California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, the District of Columbia, Hawaii, Illinois, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Washington, and Wisconsin) filed an [amicus brief](#) arguing that the loan forgiveness program is an appropriate exercise of the Secretary of Education's authority under the HEROES Act,

that the forgiveness program is designed to prevent harms caused by pandemic-related defaults, and that states know from assisting borrowers that alternatives to debt cancellation are insufficient to meet these circumstances. Other groups filing briefs include: six veterans organizations, Arch City Defenders and Legal Services of Eastern Missouri, the National Association for the Advance of Colored People, the National Education Association, the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, the American Federation of Teachers, the American Association of University Professors, and the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees. The amicus briefs follow the filing of the responding brief by the U.S. Department of Justice on January 4, 2023. The six states bringing the original lawsuit have until January 27, 2023 to file their own brief with the court.

For further coverage, see the following articles:

[Varied groups file briefs to the Supreme Court supporting Biden's student loan forgiveness \(yahoo.com\)](#)

[States, local governments, scholars support student loan forgiveness \(msn.com\)](#)

[Professors urge Supreme Court to reject student loan forgiveness lawsuit \(cnbc.com\)](#)

U.S. Department of Education News

For today's *Federal Register*, click [here](#).

[Statement by Secretary Cardona in Response to Filing of Student Debt Relief Amicus Briefs | U.S. Department of Education](#)

The following announcements were posted to the Federal Student Aid's Knowledge Center Website:

- [\(GENERAL-23-04\) Suggested Single Audit Procedures Related to NSLDS Enrollment Reporting](#)
- [Request for Information Regarding Public Transparency for Low-Financial-Value Postsecondary Programs](#)
- [Comment Request: DCIA Aging and Compliance Data Requirements for Guaranty Agencies](#)

- [Improving Income-Driven Repayment for the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program](#)
 - [\(GENERAL-23-03\) Reorganization of the Federal Student Aid Handbook for 2023-2024](#)
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Member News



The Boards of Directors of the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA) and Kentucky Higher Education Student Loan Corporation (KHESLC) recently [announced](#) that they are seeking a dynamic leader to fill the position of Chief Executive Officer/Executive Director. KHEAA/KHESLC are sister

organizations created by state statute, whose joint mission is to enable Kentuckians to achieve their education goals beyond high school. The CEO/Executive Director will serve as one of the Commonwealth's leading policy advocates for financial access to and successful completion of postsecondary education, representing the interests of prospective and enrolled Kentucky students and their families. To apply, submit a cover letter and resume via email in PDF format to ceosearch@kheaa.com by 4:30 PM EST Tuesday, January 31, 2023. For more information, click [here](#).

General News

[Inside Higher Ed](#) reports that JPMorgan is suing the college planning platform, Frank Financial Aid. In a court filing, JPMorgan said that the company created a list of more than four million fake customers, including names, addresses, and dates of birth.

[Higher Ed Dive](#) reports that a new [report](#), published in Science, finds that colleges and universities underuse the data that is available to them.

[Forbes](#) reports that leaders of six public university systems in Texas have proposed a grand tuition bargain - a two-year freeze on tuition rates for all undergraduates in exchange for nearly \$1 billion in new state funding.

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