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Advocating on Behalf of Graduate Education

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Leverage Your Strengths and Exercise your Political Muscles

Roughly 9% of the U.S. population holds advanced degrees

- Many policymakers have not experienced graduate education and may not be familiar with its role and value
- Your strength is knowing the issues and communicating the graduate student message to help build your relationship with federal representatives
- Through email, phone calls and visits to Washington D.C., you can become the face of Graduate Education for your Member
Leverage Your Strengths and Exercise your Political Muscles

• YOU are the Expert!

• The role and value of graduate education are critical to developing a highly skilled workforce and the future intellectual leadership required to be successful in the global economy.

• Incorporate these broad goals into your specific message.

• Bring the strength of your coalition:
  • Colleagues/Students/Alumni
  • Institution/Community Leaders/Employers
  • State Government Champions
Only a handful of days left in the 1st Session of the 113th Congress.

December 13, 2013: Deadline for compromise spending plan. Senate-House budget conference to negotiate broader fiscal reforms and report its work to Congress.

In 2014, The House is expected to be in session for a grand total of 113 days.

January 6: The Senate Convenes for the 113th Congress, 2nd Session.

January 7: The House Convenes for the 113th Congress, 2nd Session.
Save the Dates:

January 15: In the deal to reopen the government a CR was added to fund the government through mid-January.

Late January (expected to be the 21 or 28): President presents the annual State of the Union Address to the Congress.

February 3: By statute, the president is required to submit his annual budget proposal to Congress by the first Monday in February.

February 7: Debt ceiling reached
Know the Political Landscape: Relevant Issues

STUDENT LOANS

Reauthorization of the Higher Education Act (HEA)

Reauthorization of America COMPETES Act:
America Creating Opportunities to Meaningfully Promote Excellence in Technology, Education, and Science Act

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From your Institution to the State Legislature onto the Federal stage: Advocacy for graduate education is an ongoing process and should be a part of the daily work of a graduate dean. Together, we can make a difference!