Higher Education Act (HEA) Reauthorization

- Support the creation of a bi-partisan bill reauthorizing the Higher Education Act and oppose the House Bill “PROSPER Act” reauthorizing the Higher Education Act
- Encourage innovation in higher education, including competency-based education, dual enrollment, and other educational reforms.
- Simplify the FAFSA process to support greater community college participation in federal student aid programs.

Pell Grants

- Preserve the Federal Pell Grant program as the foundation of federal student aid for millions of needy college students.
- Provide annual increases to the maximum Pell Grant.
- Maintain the year-round Pell Grant.
- Increase lifetime Pell Grant eligibility to 14 semesters (full-time equivalent).
- Maintain full eligibility for “Ability-to-Benefit” community college students

Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act (CTE) Reauthorization

- Update the act to better support student success by including dual enrollment, work experiences, integrated delivery of basic skills, and stackable postsecondary credentials.
- Increase funding for CTE state grants.
- Establish consistent definitions and accountability metrics to enable a clearer picture of the performance of CTE at the national and state levels.

Workforce Development

- Increase funding for the occupational and adult basic education programs authorized in the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA).
- Authorize and fund a program dedicated to supporting and expanding innovative community college and industry partnerships.
- Improve and align the reporting and outcomes standards for measurements of community college performance in workforce and related programs.

DREAM Act

- Pass legislation that would establish a path to citizenship for undocumented students who are long-time U.S. residents and eliminate federal restrictions on states that choose to offer in-state tuition to undocumented students.
- Make DREAM Act students eligible for federal student financial assistance.