

CGS 53rd ANNUAL MEETING

Advocating on Behalf of Graduate Education

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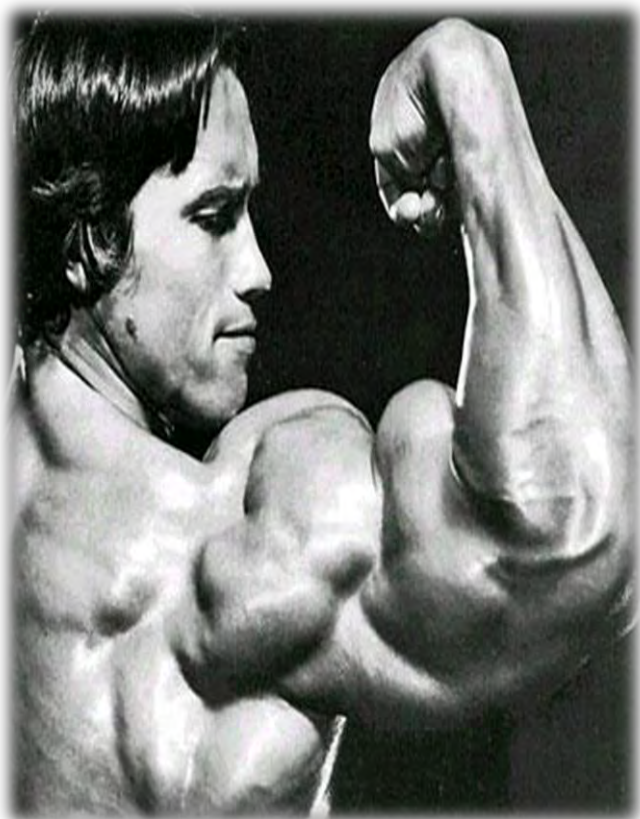
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Leverage Your Strengths and Exercise your Political Muscles



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

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- **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**



Know the Political Landscape: Save the Dates



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.

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Save the Dates:

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

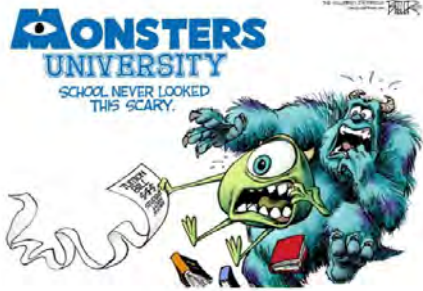
Late January (expected to be the 21 or 28): President presents the annual State of the Union Address to the Congress.

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



ACA



**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**

Know the Political Landscape: Relevant Issues



Immigration Reform



Tax Reform



2014 Mid-Term Elections



Tying It All Together

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.

