



Committee for Education Funding

Gala 2015



Education Matters: Investing in America's Future



On behalf of the 1.6 million members of the American Federation of Teachers, we salute the **COMMITTEE FOR EDUCATION FUNDING** for its commitment to achieving adequate federal support for our nation's education system. We are proud to be part of the broad CEF coalition as AFT members work to reclaim the promise of public education.

We congratulate those you honor:

REP. NITA LOWEY, recipient of the William H. Natcher award, a tireless fighter for educators, nurses and public employees during nearly three decades in Congress.

JESSICA ROSENWORCEL, Federal Communications Commission commissioner, a leader in the successful fight to increase E-Rate funding.

JOHN FORKENBROCK, retired executive director of the National Association of Federally Impacted Schools, a lifetime advocate for our nation's students.

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AWARDS BANQUET

Wednesday, October 7, 2015
Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill

We thank you for joining us on this special evening. This is the one night each year where the education community comes together to renew our strength and unity in advocating for an increased federal education investment for the success of our nation's students.

~ Menu ~

FIRST COURSE

Local Organic Mesclun Mix, Firefly Farms Goat Cheese, Fresh Raspberry, Micro Brioche Crouton, Raspberry Vinaigrette Pumpkin and Seven Grain Bread with Butter

ENTRÉE

Grilled French Breast of Free Range Chicken paired with Fire Charred Prawn, Rosemary Oil, Marscapone Polenta, Green Beans and Carrot Julienne

DESSERT

*Pumpkin Cheesecake with Ginger Streusel
Coffee, Decaf and Hot Tea*



Greetings

from the President

NOELLE ELLERSON

Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the Committee for Education Funding's Annual Gala & Awards Banquet. Tonight, we gather to recognize those who have demonstrated a strong commitment to investing in education to ensure that all students receive a quality, well-rounded education. We are honored to recognize three champions of education funding this evening.

Representative Nita Lowey (NY), the Ranking Democrat on the House Appropriations Committee, has been a leading voice for raising the sequester caps and investing in education. She offered her own set of 302(b) allocations that would have provided an additional \$14.6 billion for the Labor-HHS-Education subcommittee.

While the last few years have been challenging in obtaining increased federal appropriations for education programs due to the stringent budget caps in place, education funding received a \$1.5 billion yearly boost through the Federal Communications Commission from an expanded E-Rate program. Commissioner Jessica Rosenworcel was the champion in securing this historic increase, which makes E-Rate the 4th largest source of federal funds for K12 schools.

John Forkenbrock recently retired as Executive Director of the National Association of Federally Impacted Schools (NAFIS), after working on education issues for over 40 years. John's career has impacted the lives of millions of students—from his days in front of the classroom and the policies he helped enact, to his many years of advocacy for Federal resources.

CEF has long been benefitted by dedicated members, governance, and leadership. I would like to acknowledge the hard work of the Board of Directors for leading the organization skillfully in a challenging funding environment. I would also like to recognize and thank CEF's Executive Director Joel Packer for continuing to lead the organization to greater heights. While we face a difficult fiscal environment for education funding, with Joel as our leader we can expect to overcome the challenges and demonstrate how crucial education funding is to the nation.

Finally, I would like to recognize those responsible for tonight's event—Cyndy Littlefield, Jocelyn Bissonnette, and Deborah Rigsby and the entire Gala Committee, as well as Anais Duran, Broderick Johnson, Brenda Arredondo and Sunil Mansukhani at the Raben Group. All of these individuals played key roles in the Gala and in CEF's overall effectiveness. Please take a moment to thank each of them for their time and dedication to CEF and our community.

I thank you for your support of the Committee for Education Funding and hope you enjoy the Gala!

COMMITTEE FOR EDUCATION FUNDING Gala 2015

WELCOME

Joel Packer

Master of Ceremonies

Noelle Ellerson

President, Committee for Education Funding

MUSICAL PERFORMANCE

Richard Montgomery High School Jazz Ensemble

DINNER

RECOGNITION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

John Forkenbrock

FCC Commissioner Jessica Rosenworcel

Representative Nita Lowey

CONCLUDING REMARKS

Joel Packer

Executive Director, Committee for Education Funding

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Master of Ceremonies

JOEL PACKER

Joel Packer is a principal at The Raben Group, bringing more than 40 years of skills, knowledge and contacts in the education policy arena to the firm's clients. An acknowledged expert in federal education funding and policy, Mr. Packer has represented the broad spectrum of the education community before Congress and the Administration. Over the course of his career, he has combined his analytical skills, messaging, coalition building and direct advocacy on a wide range of education and budget issues.

Joel currently serves as Executive Director of the Committee for Education Funding. In his role as CEF Executive Director, he also serves as Co-Chair of NDD United, which brings together hundreds of stakeholders from across the nondefense discretionary (NDD) sectors working to replace sequestration. His other clients include the Los Angeles Unified School District, First Five LA, Futures Without Violence, the U.S. Soccer Foundation, and the Council on Regional Economic Expansion and Educational Development (CREED) in El Paso, Texas.

Prior to joining The Raben Group, Joel spent 25 years with the National Education Association, the nation's largest professional educators' organization and labor union, where he last served as Director of Educational Policy and Practice, NEA's primary policy center on elementary and secondary education. Mr. Packer also led NEA's policy and advocacy work on the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) and was NEA's lead liaison with the U.S. Department of Education.

He previously served as NEA's Manager for ESEA Policy and as a federal lobbyist covering a wide range of issues including education appropriations, class size reduction, school modernization, higher education, the Family and Medical Leave Act, the Brady bill, school prayer, civil rights, judicial nominations, health care, pension and tax issues and environmental hazards in schools.

As a recognized expert on federal education funding and policy, he has testified numerous times before Congress and is regularly quoted in the media on education and federal budget issues.

Mr. Packer took a break from the NEA in 1993 to serve as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs in the U.S. Department of Labor. Prior to joining NEA in 1983, Joel was Assistant Director of Government Relations with the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges.

Mr. Packer started his career as an education advocate in 1975 as Legislative Director of the Student Association of the State University of New York (SASU). He came to Washington in 1977 to work as Legislative Director of the United States Student Association (USSA). Joel also serves as a member of the Maryland Higher Education Commission.

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AWARD WINNERS

CHARLES WILSON LEE CITIZEN SERVICE AWARD

"For a career of exemplary support of better education for all"

PRESENTED TO

John Forkenbrock

Former Executive Director

National Association of Federally Impacted Schools

Charles Wilson Lee served as CEF's first Executive Director from 1969-1981. He previously worked as the chief education aid for former Senator Wayne Morse (OR), the Chairman of the Senate Education Committee and the Senate sponsor of the original Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965.



Gala Awardee

JOHN FORKENBROCK

From 1988 to 2015, John served as Executive Director of the National Association of Federally Impacted Schools (NAFIS), an association representing over 1,300 public school districts that encompass nontaxable Federal land—and are recipients of Federal Impact Aid. John has worked on education issues for over 40 years, starting as a history teacher in Iowa. He worked for the House Education and Labor Committee, where he played an active role on the 1978 Amendments to the Elementary and Secondary Education Act and the Tribally Controlled Community Colleges Act, as well as the for the American Indian Higher Education Consortium (AIHEC), where he helped establish the American Indian College Fund. He had a brief stint in the Carter Administration, where he served as the Special Assistant to the Associate Director of the Community Services Administration overseeing programs serving low-income families including children and the elderly.

John has been honored with many awards over the years, most recently as the recipient of NAFIS' Harry S Truman award—the association's highest honor. Other organizations that have recognized John's contributions to the education community over the years include: Military Impacted Schools Association; National Indian Impacted Schools Association; Military Child Education Coalition; and the American Indian Higher Education Consortium. Impact Schools of South Dakota recently created a college scholarship program in his name for aspiring teachers. His name appears multiple times in the *Congressional Record*. He's been quoted hundreds of times during his tenure at NAFIS, even appearing on a nightly news channel following an attempt by the Bush Administration in 2001 to cut funding for Impact Aid when his budget proposed the elimination of two Impact Aid line items affecting military dependent children.

John's expertise and network eventually brought him to NAFIS where he served as the Executive Director for the past 27 years. John has been involved in the Committee for Education Funding in various capacities over the years, including as a board member and CEF President in 1995. John currently serves as Vice President of Organizations Concerned about Rural Education and Treasurer of Rebuild America's Schools. He has served as an instructor on Congress for The Washington Center on Internships and Academic Seminars since 1992. John earned both his undergraduate (teaching) degree and a graduate degree in political science from the University of Northern Iowa. He lives in Ashburn, Virginia with his wife, Patricia.

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AWARD WINNERS

SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD

“For demonstrating extraordinary advocacy on behalf of our nation’s children and students”

PRESENTED TO

Jessica Rosenworcel
Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission



Gala Awardee

FCC COMMISSIONER
JESSICA ROSENWORCEL

Jessica Rosenworcel is a national leader and authority on the power of broadband and technology to modernize education and expand opportunity. She was nominated for a seat on the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) by President Barack Obama, and on May 7, 2012 was confirmed unanimously by the United States Senate. She was sworn into office on May 11, 2012.

Prior to joining the agency, Commissioner Rosenworcel served as Senior Communications Counsel for the United States Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, under the leadership of former Senator John D. Rockefeller IV, the grandfather of the E-Rate program. She previously served in the same role on the Committee under the leadership of former Senator Daniel K. Inouye. Before joining the staff of the Committee, she served as Legal Advisor to former FCC Commissioner Michael J. Copps. Prior to entering public service, she was an attorney at the law firm Drinker Biddle & Reath.

In 2014, the FCC made unprecedented programmatic and funding changes to the E-Rate program. E-Rate is a national connectivity program that helps the nation’s schools and libraries afford their internet connectivity. E-Rate is a program outside of the annual appropriations process, funded through a user fee on phone bills and collected through the Universal Service Fund. After the historic vote in December 2014 to raise the E-Rate cap by \$1.5 billion, E-Rate became the 4th largest federal K-12 education program, following Title I, IDEA and school nutrition.

Rosenworcel is a long-standing E-Rate advocate. She has vast knowledge of the E-Rate program’s intricacies and nuances, and is tireless in her commitment to ensuring that the E-Rate program is both modernized and sustainable. As the 2014 effort saw the push for programmatic changes come apart from the complementary piece related to funding, Commissioner Rosenworcel was the champion for ensuring the funding piece didn’t fade away, working with schools and libraries groups to make sure that the programmatic changes could be afforded and that the E-Rate program remains on a sustainable path.

For her endless commitment to and leadership as it relates to the E-Rate program, CEF is proud to acknowledge FCC Commissioner Rosenworcel for her work to secure last year’s E-Rate funding victory, a rare instance of both sizeable increase and permanence as it relates to funding for schools.

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AWARD WINNERS

THE WILLIAM H. NATCHER DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

“For distinguished services during this session of Congress in elevating the priority for education funding to ensure better opportunities for our nation’s citizens”

PRESENTED TO

The Honorable Nita Lowey ***Representative from New York’s 17th District***

Representative William H. Natcher, representing Kentucky’s second District from 1953-1994, was a skilled and thoughtful statesman. He was Chairman of the House Committee on Appropriations and also chaired the Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services and Education. One of this nation’s most committed advocates for children and education, Mr. Natcher stated, “When you take care of the health of your people and educate your children, you continue to live in the strongest country in the world.” The Committee named the Distinguished Service Award in his honor in 1994.



Gala Awardee

REPRESENTATIVE NITA LOWEY

A previous CEF awardee, Congresswoman Nita M. Lowey is currently serving her fourteenth term in Congress. She was first elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1988 and served in the Democratic Leadership in 2001 and 2002 as the first woman and the first New Yorker to chair the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee. She is also the first woman to lead either party on the powerful House Appropriations Committee.

At the beginning of the 113th Congress, Lowey was selected by her colleagues to be the Ranking Democrat on the powerful House Appropriations Committee. Lowey is an extremely effective, committed legislator with a substantial record. *Congressional Quarterly* called her one of the 50 most effective Members of Congress, saying she “maneuvers skillfully through the appropriations process,” and *Newsday* said she “delivers for New York.”

Lowey has been an outspoken leader on the need to raise the sequester caps and invest in education and other important domestic programs. In July, Lowey said “The spartan sequester-level caps on discretionary spending have resulted in Appropriations bills that hollow out America. These bills fail to keep promises to our veterans and seniors, and shortchange critical investments in safe roads and bridges, education, scientific discovery and innovation, clean air and water, and our national security. The sequester makes America weaker.”

She also noted in May that “The President’s budget blueprint calls for an end to the mindless austerity of sequestration, replacing it with more targeted spending cuts, program integrity measures, and the closure of some outdated tax loopholes. I think my colleagues on the other side generally agree that sequestration was a failure, and a return to those sequester-level caps threatens important defense and non-defense priorities alike.”

Lowey is a strong advocate for women, children, and families. She has been a champion of education throughout her career, fighting for school modernization, teacher development, and literacy programs. Under Lowey’s leadership, federal funding for after-school programs has increased from \$1 million in 1996 to \$1 billion today.

Lowey is one of the Appropriations Committee’s leading advocates of increased federal investments in biomedical research on diseases like cancer, diabetes, and Alzheimer’s at the National Institutes of Health. Called a “champion of increased funding for breast cancer research” by *The Washington Post*, Lowey has received multiple honors from the National Breast Cancer Coalition.

Lowey was born in the Bronx; graduated from the Bronx High School of Science; and received a Bachelor’s Degree from Mount Holyoke College. She served as Assistant Secretary of State for the State of New York before being elected to Congress. Nita and Stephen Lowey have been married for 50 years, and have three grown children and eight grandchildren.

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- 2010:** The Honorable David R. Obey, Representative from Wisconsin
- 2013:** The Honorable Tom Harkin, Senator from Iowa

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- 2000:** The Honorable Richard W. Riley, Secretary of Education
- 2006:** The Honorable Jim Jeffords, Senator from Vermont
- 2009:** The Honorable Nancy Pelosi, Representative from California
- 2011:** The Honorable Dale E. Kildee, Representative from Michigan
- 2012:** The Honorable Olympia Snowe, Senator from Maine
- 2014:** The Honorable George Miller, Representative from California

James G. O'Hara Education Leadership Award

- 2001:** The Honorable Tom Harkin, Senator from Iowa
- 2003:** The Honorable David R. Obey, Representative from Wisconsin
- 2012:** The Honorable Richard Durbin, Senator from Illinois

Terrel H. Bell Award for Outstanding Education Advocacy

- 2001:** The Honorable James Jeffords, Senator from Vermont
- 2008:** The Honorable Robert Byrd, Senator from West Virginia
- 2009:** The Honorable Barack Obama, President of the United States
- 2014:** The Honorable Patty Murray, Senator from Washington

The William H. Natcher Distinguished Service Award

- 2000:** The Honorable Ted Stevens, Senator from Alaska
The Honorable Steny Hoyer, Representative from Maryland
- 2001:** The Honorable George Miller, Representative from California
- 2002:** The Honorable Edward Kennedy, Senator from Massachusetts
The Honorable Kent Conrad, Senator from North Dakota
The Honorable Susan Collins, Senator from Maine
The Honorable Ralph Regula, Representative from Ohio
- 2003:** The Honorable Robert C. Byrd, Senator from West Virginia
The Honorable Michael N. Castle, Representative from Delaware
- 2004:** The Honorable Arlen Specter, Senator from Pennsylvania
The Honorable Jack Reed, Senator from Rhode Island
The Honorable David R. Obey, Representative from Wisconsin
- 2007:** The Honorable David R. Obey, Representative from Wisconsin
The Honorable Jim Walsh, Representative from New York
- 2008:** The Honorable Robert Scott, Representative from Virginia
- 2009:** The Honorable Timothy Bishop, Representative from New York
- 2010:** The Honorable Tom Harkin, Senator from Iowa
- 2011:** The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro, Representative from Connecticut
The Honorable Daniel K. Inouye, Senator from Hawaii
- 2012:** The Honorable Chris Van Hollen, Representative from Maryland
- 2014:** The Honorable Barbara Mikulski, Senator from Maryland

Outstanding New Member Award

- 2002:** The Honorable Michael M. Honda, Representative from California
- 2003:** The Honorable Chris Van Hollen, Representative from Maryland
- 2004:** The Honorable Timothy Bishop, Representative from New York
- 2007:** The Honorable John Yarmuth, Representative from Kentucky
- 2009:** The Honorable Glen Thompson, Representative from Pennsylvania

Special Recognition Award

- 2000:** The Honorable William L. Clay, Representative from Missouri
The Honorable William F. Goodling, Representative from Pennsylvania
Susan Frost, Special Advisor to the Secretary of Education and Former Executive Director, Committee for Education Funding
- 2003:** The Honorable Chuck Hagel, Senator from Nebraska
- 2009:** The Honorable Jim Webb, Senator from Virginia
The Honorable Chuck Hagel, former Senator from Nebraska
Ellen Murray, Majority Clerk, Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies
- 2010:** Cheryl L. Smith, former Majority Clerk, House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies
- 2011:** Bettilou Taylor, former Majority/Minority Clerk, Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies
- 2012:** The Honorable Todd Russell Platts, Representative from Pennsylvania
- 2014:** The Honorable Jay Rockefeller, Senator from West Virginia
The Honorable Hal Rogers, Representative from Kentucky

Charles Wilson Lee Citizen Service Award

- 2007:** Former Presidents George H.W. Bush and William Jefferson Clinton, for the Bush-Clinton Katrina Fund
- 2008:** Eunice Kennedy Shriver, Joseph P. Kennedy Jr. Foundation

Staff Recognition Award

- 2012:** Leticia Mederos, former Chief of Staff, Representative Rosa DeLauro
- 2014:** Erik Fatemi, former Majority Clerk, Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies

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House Appropriations Committee Chairman Hal Rogers (R-KY) with CEF President Kimberly Jones.



Representative George Miller (D-CA) with CEF Vice President Makese Motley.



The 28 U.S. Jesuit colleges and universities congratulate and thank the 2015 CEF award recipients for their efforts to support our nation's students.

Representative Nita Lowey
(D-NY)

Jessica Rosenworcel
Federal Communications Commissioner

John Forkenbrock
Former Executive Director
National Association of Federally Impacted Schools
(NAFIS)



congratulates

The Committee for Education Funding

on another successful year fighting for education investment

The Raben Group also salutes this year's awardees:

Congresswoman Nita Lowey
FCC Commissioner Jessica Rosenworcel
John Forkenbrock, retired Executive Director
National Association of Federally Impacted Schools

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The Honorable
Nita Lowey

Federal Communications Commissioner
Jessica Rosenworcel

Former National Association of Federally Impacted Schools
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Committee for Education Funding Past President

John B. Forkenbrock

**for your unwavering dedication,
contagious enthusiasm and leadership**



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JOHN FORKENBROCK
Former Executive Director, National Association of Federally Impacted Schools

REPRESENTATIVE NITA LOWEY (NY)
Ranking Member, House Appropriations Committee

JESSICA ROSENWORCEL
Federal Communications Commissioner

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are proud members of CEF and congratulate all of
tonight's awardees for their commitment to education.


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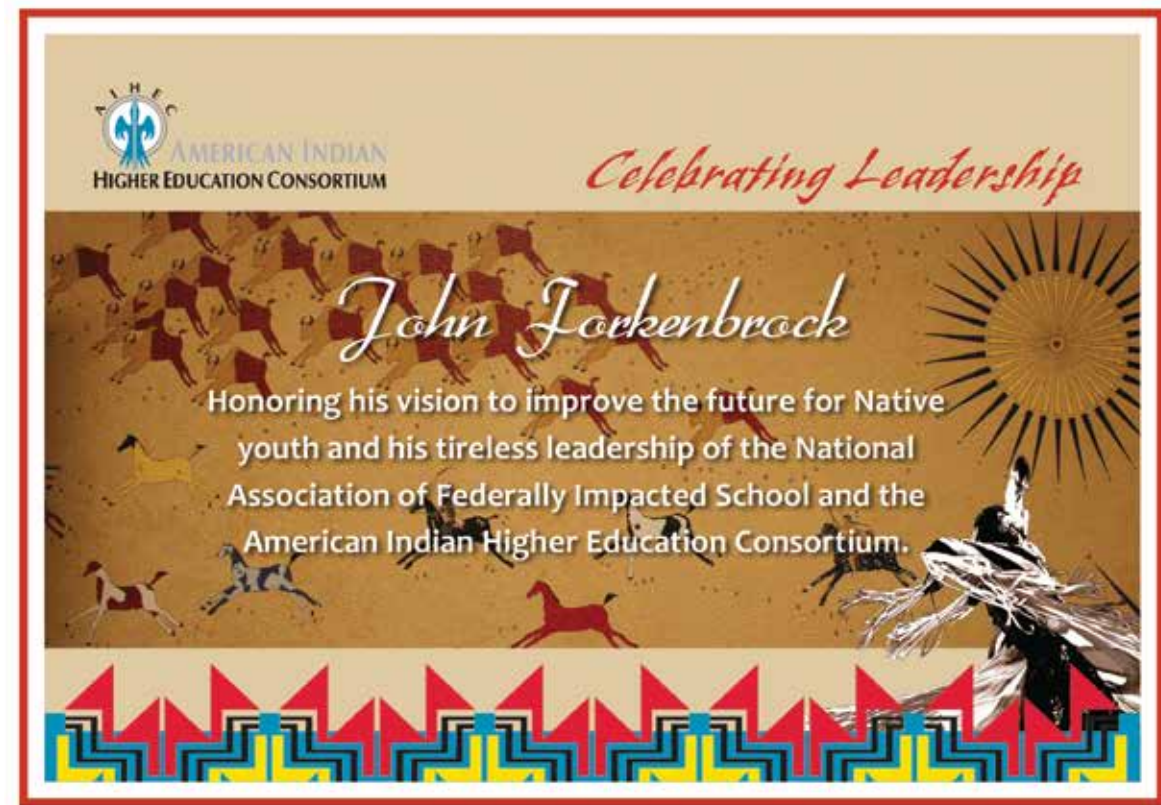


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