

# General Sessions

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## GS1. Welcome and Keynote Presentations

**Session Description:** Join Secretary Betsy DeVos as she shares her vision for higher education, describes the policies the Department is championing to address the growing federal student loan portfolio, and discusses the Department's efforts to bring federal student aid into the 21st century. FSA Chief Operating Officer Mark Brown will reveal what's next for students and financial aid administrators in the Next Gen FSA initiative.

**U.S. Department of Education Presenters:**

Betsy DeVos, Secretary, U.S. Department of Education

Mark A. Brown, Chief Operating Officer, Federal Student Aid

Day 1, Tuesday, 9–10:30 a.m. .... Hall 4\*

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## GS2. Federal Update

**Session Description:** Senior officials from the Department of Education (ED) will present information and updates about ED's *Title IV* activities and initiatives, including information about ED's regulatory efforts.

**U.S. Department of Education Presenters:**

Cynthia Hammond, Lynn Mahaffie, Craig Munier

Day 1, Tuesday, 11 a.m.–Noon ..... Hall 4\*

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## GS3. Day 2 Keynote - Can You Believe We Achieved Consensus?!

**Session Description:** ED recently released a notice of proposed rulemaking for accreditation and are now in the process of finalizing the rule for changes that the rulemaking committee made to the accreditation process. This session will focus on reaching consensus with the rulemaking committee.

**U.S. Department of Education Presenter:**

Diane Jones, Under Secretary, U.S. Department of Education

Day 2, Wednesday, 8:30–9 a.m. .... Hall 4\*

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## GS4. Verification (2019-20 and 2020-21)

**Session Description:** This session will include a discussion of the verification requirements for the 2020-21 *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA®) cycle and issues related to the 2019-20 FAFSA cycle.

**U.S. Department of Education Presenters:**  
Craig Munier, Ed Pacchetti, Aaron Washington

Day 2, Wednesday, 9-10 a.m. .... Hall 4\*

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## GS5. Application Processing

**Session Description:** This session will provide an in-depth look into the evolving changes that are revolutionizing the process of understanding and applying for student aid. Session participants will learn about recent and upcoming FAFSA changes, including updates to FAFSA Web, the myStudentAid mobile app, and Central Processing System. There will also be updates to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security SAVE Program.

**U.S. Department of Education Presenters:**  
Renee Lizear, Misty Parkinson

Day 2, Wednesday, 10:30-11:30 a.m. .... Hall 4\*

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