On April 11-13, 2018, the National Partnership for Educational Access (NPEA) held its 10th annual conference, *Standing Together in a Changing Landscape: A Call to Action*, in New Orleans, Louisiana. The conference focused on the importance of coming together as a field to best support underserved students on their paths towards college and career success and was a call to action to share our best and brightest ideas in the face of uncertain times. In keeping with past conferences, some 60 percent of participants were first-time attendees. There were 380 attendees from 38 states across the country, with NPEA members comprising 46 percent of the audience.

The 2018 conference included three keynotes: Dorinda Carter Andrews, Assistant Dean of Equity Outreach Initiatives, College of Education, and Associate Professor of Race, Culture, and Equity, Department of Teacher Education, Michigan State University; Anthony Abraham Jack, Junior Fellow at the Harvard Society of Fellows and Assistant Professor of Education, Harvard Graduate School of Education, and Shutzier Assistant Professor, Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, Harvard University; and Vijay Pendakur, Robert W. and Elizabeth C. Staley Dean of Students, Cornell University, and Editor, *Closing the Opportunity Gap: Identity-Conscious Strategies for Retention and Student Success*. Other events included two site visits, a pre-conference session, 36 workshops, several breakfast roundtable sessions, welcome and networking receptions, three information sessions during a Meet and Mingle time, and an Alumni and Young Professionals Panel.

Each year, NPEA raises sponsorship funds for conference fee waivers, or scholarships. This year, through support from the Duke University Talent Identification Program (TIP), we were able to provide several fee waivers, which were used to cover registration fees for New Orleans-area educators.

The conference kicked off on Wednesday, April 11 with a well-attended pre-conference on *Creating a Culturally Responsive, College-Going Culture for Young Men of Color*, led by representatives from the Urban Assembly for Applied Math and Science and the New York City Department of Education. Attendees also attended site visits at Tulane University and Loyola University New Orleans in the afternoon. The conference officially kicked off Wednesday evening with a Welcome Reception, sponsored by local colleges and universities.

On Thursday, April 12, attendees were invited to attend structured breakfast roundtable discussions on a variety of topics including avoiding bias in recommendation letters, helping average and lower-performing students in the college application process, and making the most of your NPEA membership and the conference. Immediately following, our morning opening session featured a panel of alumni and young professionals from NPEA.
member/local programs and schools, moderated by Kira Orange Jones, Senior Vice President for Teach For America.

Attendees had the option of choosing from 18 different workshop sessions across three workshop times on Thursday, ranging from supporting undocumented students, to engaging in race-based discussions, to managing data evaluation, and more. Dorinda Carter Andrews from Michigan State University provided the afternoon keynote. The winner of the NPEA and Jack Kent Cooke Foundation 2018 Award for Excellence in Educational Access was also announced on Thursday, recognizing Chicago Scholars! The day wrapped up with a lively networking reception, complete with Mardi Gras beads and local New Orleans cuisine.

The final day of the conference provided opportunities to hear from keynotes Anthony Jack from the Harvard Graduate School for Education and Vijay Pendakur from Cornell University. Attendees choose from an additional 18 workshop and breakfast roundtable sessions, as well as attended an afternoon book signing for keynote Vijay Pendakur.