

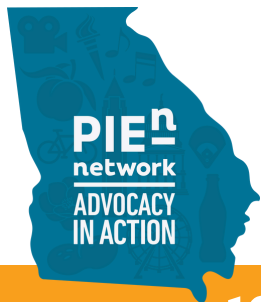
ADVOCACY IN ACTION

2025 PIE NETWORK SUMMIT



HIGHEST RATED, LARGEST SUMMIT YET

More than 450 high-profile state, local, and national education policy, advocacy, and philanthropy leaders gathered in Atlanta, GA on October 7-9 for the invitation-only, 2025 PIE Network Summit. It was the highest-rated Summit yet, with record-high participation for the fifth year in a row.



19TH ANNUAL SUMMIT BY THE NUMBERS

4.6

Participants gave Summit a 4.6 out of 5 bottom line score

455

Participants from 35 states and Washington, D.C.

69%

Of Network organizations participated

87

Network Executive Directors participated

33%

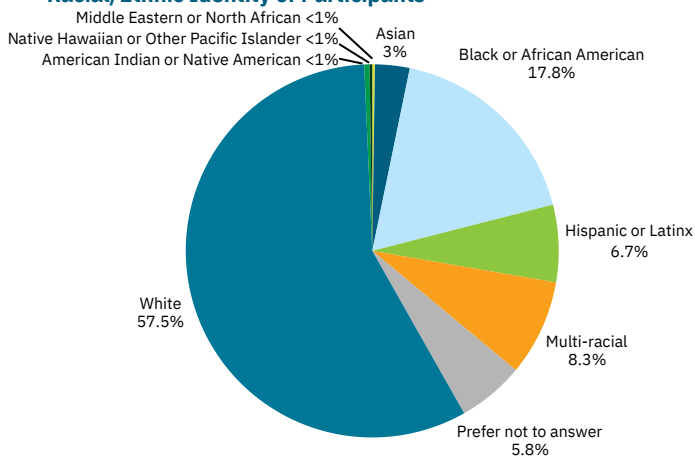
Of participants attended Summit for the first time

97%

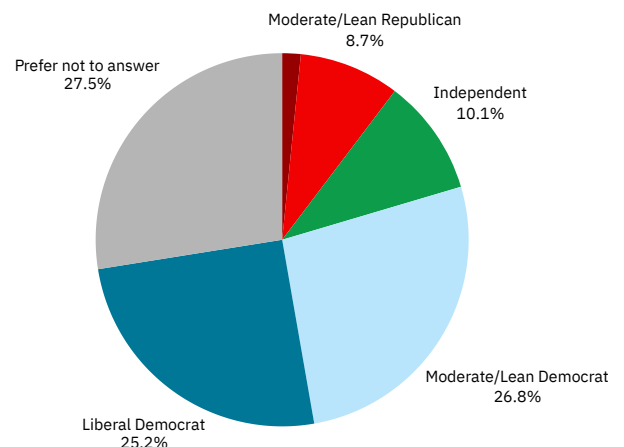
Of participants learned something new

PARTICIPANT DEMOGRAPHICS

Racial/Ethnic Identity of Participants



Political Ideology of Participants



MEETING THE MOMENT

Summit's focus on "Advocacy in Action" helped fuel advocates' work to shift power, policymaking, and implementation in favor of students and families so that every student, in every community, gets the education needed to achieve a future without limits.

Faced with a shifting education policy landscape, participants connected across lines of difference, shared ideas, sharpened strategy, strengthened old connections, built new ones, and energized for the hard work back home. Sessions helped leaders sharpen advocacy, community organizing, fundraising, communication, messaging, and leadership skills through hands-on workshops, policy sessions, and deep dives into intel sharing and planning work on the Network's top policy issues, including literacy, math, college and career pathways, education funding, choice, charter schools, and assessment and accountability. Five state chiefs shared powerful insights on what it will take to improve student outcomes. Top pollsters shared new research about voters' concerns leading up to the 2026 election cycle, and leaders built skills to lean into "Good Conflict" in a special closing keynote featuring Amanda Ripley and Hélène Biandudi Hofer.

PARTICIPANTS SAID

"There is so much knowledge and power in the room at the Summit. It's truly inspiring and the connections you can make are invaluable!"

"PIE Network Summit has great policy panels and connections to experts in their fields; wonderful opportunities to connect with folks across partisan lines and in different organizations; and it's always fun."

"The people are so friendly and ready to share. All of the efforts made to welcome first-timers is deeply appreciated. The work overlaps so much that the conversation is easy, even in disagreement."

"This was top-notch and one of the best-organized conferences I've attended... and fun amid the heaviness of the world today."

"The people in the room, the real discussions and most of all—a safe space to push each other's thinking and even have healthy dissents!"

"I learned a ton from the conflict resolution closing session and found the panels helpful to understand different perspectives."

"This is the best networking and connecting event in our education space."

"My favorite part of Summit outside of the Eddies was the Polling Keynote, was fascinating to listen to and was awesome to see a Democrat and a Republican up on stage talking cordially about issues – a welcome change in today's society. Could listen to them talk all day long about that info."

CELEBRATING ADVOCACY & POLICY CAMPAIGNS: 2025 EDDIES WINNERS

The annual Eddies Awards are an opportunity to amplify, celebrate, and learn from strategic advocacy that is driving impactful policy change. Network leaders from across the country nominated 60 powerful policy and advocacy campaigns that have the potential to impact more than 12 million students.

[Read more about the 2025 Eddies winners and finalists on our website.](#)



Best Collaboration: Accelerating Auto-Enrollment in Advanced Coursework Across America (The 5 A's)
BEST NC, Collaborative for Student Success, EdTrust, ExcelinEd, Prichard Committee



Best Defense: All Means All: Protecting The Right to Learn in Tennessee
All4Ed, EdTrust-Tennessee, Stand for Children Tennessee



Best Implementation: DC High-Impact Tutoring Leads to Fastest Academic Recovery in the Nation
DC Charter School Alliance, DC Policy Center, Education Forward DC, EmpowerK12, Parents Amplifying Voices in Education (PAVE)



Best Kept Secret: From Hidden Literacy Crisis to Historic Win; The Fight for Data Transparency
Nashville PROPEL



Game Changer Campaign of the Year: Giving Alabama Students a RAISE with Student-Centered Funding Reform
A+ Education Partnership, Alabama Families for Great Schools, EdTrust-Tennessee



Peter Tang Most Actionable Tools and Research:
Credentials Matter: Equipping Tennessee Leaders with Tools to Align Education and Workforce Demand
ExcelinEd, Jobs for the Future, New America, State Collaborative on Reforming Education (SCORE)



Suzanne Kubach Network Weaver of the Year:
Rebecca Sibilia
EdFund



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