

NABE and AGMUS hosted the most recent U.S. Department of Education English Learners Roundtable planning meeting

On Monday morning, amidst a heavy downpour and cold temperatures, NABE and Ana G. Méndez University in Wheaton, MD, were hosts to the U.S. Department of Education English Learners Roundtable quarterly planning meeting with Jose Viana, Assistant Deputy Secretary of Education and Director of the Office of English Language Acquisition (OELA) and Supreet Anand, Senior Education & Policy Administrator for Special Federal Programs in the Department. Syndia Nazario Cardona, VP for Government and Community Affairs of Ana G Méndez University, welcomed the EL Roundtable Members and provided a brief introduction to the university and its commitment and vision to Dual Language Learning at the higher education level.

Seated around the EL Roundtable are the heads of one of the premier Coalition Partners and Stakeholders group representing English Learners and teachers who serve the more than 5 million multilingual and multicultural ELs, DACA and Dreamers, represented in our nation's schools who predominantly speak Spanish, Arabic, Chinese, Haitian-Creole, Vietnamese and some 150 other languages.

Coalition members include both education, research, early childhood, civil rights and community organizations, such as Migration Policy Institute, UnidosUS, American Federation of Teachers, Center for Applied Linguistics, Joint National Committee for Languages, California Association for Bilingual Education, Hispanic Association for Colleges and Universities, TESOL International, National Education Association, Association for Latino Administrators and Superintendents, Californian Together, Council of Great City Schools, and the National Association for Bilingual Education.

The EL Roundtable Advisory Coalition Partners was created by the Secretary of Education and the Director of OELA to provide input on policy, programs, regulations and services affecting English Learners and to plan an annual Education Symposium highlighting the contributions and accomplishments of ELs that will ensure commitment within the government agencies and nationally to promote bilingualism as an asset and its impact on our nation's security and economics; to promote a focus on dual language learning; and to advance opportunities for educational excellence and equity for ELs and their families.

The EL Advisory Roundtable is very pleased to work with Director Jose Viana and Supreet Anand from the Secretary's Office, in an open, transparent, collegial manner and with a strong sense of mutual support, respect and trust to further the opportunities for sustainable success and excellence for ELs.

“¡Sí se puede!”



