



EMORY UNIVERSITY

February 2023 Congressional Update

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- First and foremost, we want to thank you for all your support and hard work throughout the 117th Congress. We hope you have enjoyed a great start to this new year, and we look forward to working with you all throughout the new congress.
- While the public health emergency (PHE) will be coming to an end in May of this year, Emory continues to grapple with the ongoing effects of the COVID-19 pandemic as labor and supply costs continue to put significant stress on the system. These issues continue to be amplified by last year's closure of the Atlanta Medical Center.
- With these ongoing challenges facing hospitals and healthcare systems, we are closely monitoring debt ceiling negotiations and any potential cuts to programs or funding that could impact Emory University throughout the 118th Congress.
- Emory is continuing to focus on improving access to affordable higher education through our expanded Emory Advantage program and advocating for doubling the Pell Grant. We are also continuing our dedication to working with our federal partners to improve the financial aid process.
- Once again, thank you for your continued support. Please do not hesitate to reach out if we can be of any assistance in the future.

Congressional Academic Medicine Caucus

- The Congressional Academic Medicine Caucus has been re-registered for the 118th Congress. The bipartisan group seeks to promote and recognize the importance of medical schools, teaching hospitals, and physicians in improving the health and well-being of people everywhere.
- Should your office wish to join the caucus, please contact Nora Blalock in Rep. Kathy Castor's (D-FL-14) office (Nora.Blalock@mail.house.gov) or McLean Piner in Dr. Greg Murphy's (R-NC-3) office (Mclean.Piner@mail.house.gov).

In case you missed it...

- With the start of the Spring semester, Emory University students and faculty are eager to move forward with their initiatives, celebrate ongoing achievements, and bring new speakers and events to campus. For a roundup of noteworthy happenings in Emory University's nine schools, please follow this [link](#). Additionally, for a synopsis of the many achievements in 2022, you can see the Emory News Centers' top 10 stories from the previous year [here](#).
- Starting February 6th, Emory University will be celebrating its 2023 Charter Week, formerly called Founders Week, to bring attention to Emory's historic beginnings and its future promises. The week will consist of opportunities to engage in the rich diversity of academic and campus life, ending with a speech by Emory President Greg Fennes on the meaning of One Emory and the future of the initiative. More information on Charter Week can be found at this [link](#).
- Emory's newly expanded [Emory Advantage](#) program took effect in the fall 2022 semester and has had an immediate impact with nearly 3,100 undergrads receiving grants, which represents a more than 143% increase in one year. The decision to expand the program and automatically meet undergraduate students' demonstrated financial need without loans will, over time, mean more students graduate with little to no debt. You can find more on this story at the [Emory News Center](#).
- Dr. Bryce Gartland, Hospital Group President and Co-Chief of Clinical Operations for Emory Healthcare, recently spoke with Tom Robertson, Executive Director of Vizient Research Institute, on the Vizient podcast. Dr. Gartland discusses the challenges facing health systems in the standardization of care, price and health disparities, and more. You can listen to this episode of the Vizient Research Institute's podcast [here](#).