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I love the NAPE Academy, it was really, really a great experience not only to include student voice, but having the opportunity to work with members of teams across the entire country was really an opportunity that I think was irreplaceable. I'm excited to carry the knowledge that I learned throughout the equity Leadership Academy not only into my post-secondary experiences, but also hopefully into my career experience as well. It was really, really great being able to hear the perspective of these seven different states, both in person and virtual. It was really, really humbling not only to be able to see how my work with my state is able to play out, but also how these other states are incorporating so many different populations that are not present in even Illinois as a whole. I really liked how states were able to incorporate different segments of their state, which I thought was really, really important and something that Illinois was working towards throughout our entire project. It was a really, really great experience to hear the variety of perspectives and see how different we all are.