This Week in Washington

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This Week in Washington, a weekly publication of WPLLC, provides an overview of upcoming events in Washington D.C. that are relevant to CUR’s interests. Please use the bookmarks below to navigate to your area of interest.

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MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2014
NONE.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2014

R&D Partnerships

Subject: The Information Technology & Innovation Fund (ITIF) will hold a briefing, “Enhancing University-Industry R&D Partnerships.”

Participants: John Allen, Former President, National Technology Transfer Center; Pearl Huang, Vice President, Discovery Partnerships in Academia; Lisa Kuuttila, CEO, Science and Technology Corporation, The University of New Mexico; Jane Muir, President-Elect, Association of University Technology Managers; Diane Palmintera, President, Innovation Associates; Dr. Paul Sanberg, President, National Academy of Inventors, Senior Vice President, Research and Innovation, University of South Florida; and Karek Zaderej, CEO and President, AxoGen.

Time and Location: 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.; 2322 Rayburn HOB.

Contact: Register at: http://www.itif.org/events/enhancing-university-industry-rd-partnerships.

House Subcommittee Hearing on Higher Education

Subject: The House Education and the Workforce Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training will hold a hearing, “Keeping College Within Reach: Sharing Best Practices for Serving Low-income and First Generation Students.”
**Witnesses:** Dr. James Anderson, Chancellor, Fayetteville State University, NC; Mary Beth Del Balzo, Senior Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, The College of Westchester, NY; Josse Alex Garrido, Graduate Student, University of Texas-Pan American, TX; and Rev. Dennis H. Holtzschneider, President, DePaul University, IL.

**Time and Location:** 10:00 a.m.; 2175 Rayburn HOB.

**Contact:** For inquiries about the hearing contact 202.226.9440.

**State of the Union Address**

**Subject:** President Obama will deliver the annual State of the Union (SOTU) Address to the nation and Representative Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R-WA) will deliver the Republican response.

**Time and Location:** 9:00 p.m.; U.S. House of Representatives.

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2014**

**College Affordability**

**Subject:** The Center for American Progress (CAP) will host an event, “Making College Affordable and Creating Value for Students: Accountability and Postsecondary Education Reform.”

**Participants:** Winnie Stachelberg, Executive Vice President, External Affairs, CAP Action Fund; Senator Chris Murphy (D-CT); Senator Brian Schatz (D-HI); Barmak Nassirian, American Association of State Colleges and Universities; Sophia Raman, Unites States Student Association; and David Bergeron, Vice President, Postsecondary Education Policy, CAP.

**Time and Location:** 9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.; CAP, 1333 H Street, NW, 10th Floor, Washington DC.


**HELP Executive Session for ED Nominations**

**Subject:** The Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions will hold an executive session to vote on agency nominees.

**Witnesses:** Michael Keith Yudin, to be Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, ED; James Cole, Jr., to be General Counsel, ED; Theodore Reed Mitchell, to be Under Secretary of Education, ED; Ericka Miller, to be Assistant Secretary of Postsecondary Education, ED; Francis Cordova, to be Director of National Science Foundation; and David Weil, to be Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division of Labor, Department of Labor.

**Time and Location:** 10:00 a.m.; 430 Dirksen SOB.

**Contact:** For inquiries about the executive session contact 202.224.5375.

**Geothermal Energy Meeting**

**Subject:** The National Science Foundation (NSF)-Directorate for Geosciences, and numerous partners, will hold a briefing, “Geothermal Energy Transformations: Nationwide Resources and Value Chains.”

**Participants:** Brian Anderson, Director of Strategic Research in Energy, and Professor, West Virginia University; Patrick Dobson, Staff Scientist, Lawrence Berkeley National Library; Chad Augustine, Geothermal Analysis Team Lead, National Renewable Energy Laboratory; and Douglas Hollett, Director, Geothermal Technologies Office, U.S. Department of Energy.

**Time and Location:** 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.; 1334 Longworth HOB.

**Contact:** RSVP to Abby Seadler at aseadler@agiweb.org.

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 30, 2014**

**Early College Credit**

**Subject:** The American Youth Policy Forum (AYPF) and the College & Career Readiness & Success Center will host a webinar, “Early College, Early Success: Program Overview, Research Findings, and Implications for Practice” to discuss access to college-preparatory high school courses and credit-bearing college courses.
Participants: Andrea Berger, Principal Researcher, American Institutes for Research (AIR); Joel Vargas, Vice President, Jobs for the Future; Dr. Julie Penley, El Paso Community College, TX; Mike Sinclair, Brashier Middle Early College, SC; and Helen Duffy, Deputy Director, College and Career Readiness and Success Center.
Time: 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Contact: Register at: https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/705564753.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31, 2014

NBES Meeting
Subject: The Institute of Education Sciences (IES) will hold a meeting of the National Board for Education Sciences.
Participants: John Easton, Director, IES; Sean Reardon, Stanford University; Gabriela Uro, Council of Great City Schools; Eileen de los Reyes, Boston Public Schools; Ruth Neild, Commissioner, National Center for Education Evaluation (NCEE); and Jeffrey Valentine, Principal Investigator, What Works Clearinghouse.
Time and Location: 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.; 80 F Street, NW, Large Board Room, Washington, DC.
Contact: For more information about the meeting contact Ellie Pelaez at ellie.pelaez@ed.gov or call at 202.219.0644.

The Role of Universities in School Reform
Subject: The Anchor Institutions Task Force, Netter Center for Community Partnerships and the Coalition for Community Schools at the Institute for Educational Leadership will host a webinar “The Promise of Universities in School Reform.”
Participants: Dr. Ira Harkavy, Associate Vice President and Director, Barbara and Edward Netter Center for Community Partnerships, University of Pennsylvania; Dr. Henry Taylor, Founding Director, Center for Urban Studies, University of Buffalo; Dr. Mary Walsh, Department Director, Boston College Center for Optimized Student Support, Boston College; and Dr. Robert Kronick, Director of University-Assisted Community Schools, University of Tennessee Knoxville.
Time: 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

On The Floor This Week

Senate Floor:
S.1926 - Homeowner Flood Insurance Affordability Act

House Floor:
H.R. 7 - No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act

Possible Consideration of the Conference Report to H.R. 2642 - Federal Agriculture Reform and Risk Management Act of 2013

Bills to Watch
ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ACT (ESEA)

S. 1094  
Sponsor: Sen. Tom Harkin (D-IA)  
Strengthening American Schools Act of 2013 to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (6/12/13 passed by Senate HELP Committee)

H.R. 5  
Sponsor: Rep. John Kline (R-MN)  
Student Success Act to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (6/19/13 passed by House Ed and Workforce Committee)

WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT (WIA)

H.R. 803  
Sponsor: Rep. Virginia Foxx (R-NC)  
Supporting Knowledge and Investing in Lifelong Skills Act (3/15/13 passed by House; 3/6/13 passed by House Education and the Workforce Committee)

S. 1356  
Sponsor: Sen. Patty Murray (D-WA)  
Workforce Investment Reauthorization Act (7/31/13 passed by Senate HELP Committee)

CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CCDBG)

S. 1086  
Sponsor: Sen. Barbara Mikulski (D-MD)  
Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 2013 (9/18/13 passed by Senate HELP Committee)

Links for Up-to-Date Information on Hearings, Legislation, and Events

U.S. House of Representatives 2013 Schedule:  
http://majorityleader.gov/calendar/113thCongressFirstSession.pdf

U.S. Senate 2013 Schedule:  
http://www.senate.gov/pagelayout/legislative/one_item_and_teasers/2013_schedule.htm

U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions:  
http://help.senate.gov

U.S. House Committee on Education and Labor:  
http://edlabor.house.gov

U.S. Senate Budget Committee:  
http://www.budget.senate.gov

U.S. House Budget Committee:  
http://www.house.gov/budget

Congressional Budget Office:  
http://www.cbo.gov

Federal legislative information:  
http://thomas.loc.gov

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