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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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Weekly Calendar

Monday, January 11, 2016
None.

Tuesday, January 12, 2016

State of the Union
President Obama will deliver his last State of the Union Address at 9:00 p.m. ET. For more information go here.

Wednesday, January 13, 2016

Teacher Tenure
Subject: The Albert Shanker Institute will hold an event, “Teacher Tenure: An Outmoded “Job for Life” or Essential Right to Due Process?”
Participants: Jane Hannaway, professor, McCourt School of Public Policy, Georgetown University and Institute Fellow, AIR; Richard Kahlenberg, senior fellow, The Century Foundation; Marc Tucker, president and CEO, National Center on Education and the Economy; and Randi Weingarten, president, American Federation of Teachers (AFT).
Time and Location: 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.; AFT, 555 New Jersey Avenue, NW, Washington, DC.
Contact: Register here.
**Thursday, January 14, 2016**

**Professional Learning**

**Subject:** The National Center on Education and the Economy (NCEE) will hold an event, “Professional Learning Environments in Top Performing Systems: Policies that Drive Achievement and Equity.”

**Participants:** Marc Tucker, president and CEO, NCEE; Minxuan Zhang, former president, Shanghai Normal University; Ben Jensen, CEO, Learning First; Linda Darling-Hammond, president and CEO, Learning Policy Institute; David Driscoll, former Massachusetts Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education; Lily Eskelsen Garcia, president, National Education Association; Sing Kong Lee, vice president of Education Strategies, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore; Joshua P. Starr, CEO, PDK International; Paul Leather, deputy commissioner, New Hampshire Department of Education; Anthony Mackay, CEO, Centre for Strategic Education (CSE) Melbourne, Australia; Charles Pearson, superintendent, Normandy (MO) Schools Collaborative; Tom Shelton, executive director, Kentucky Association of School Superintendents, and Jason Dougal, CEO, National Institute for School Leadership.

**Time and Location:** 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.; AASA, 1200 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, DC.

**Contact:** [Register here.](#)

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**Friday, January 15, 2016**

None.

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**Future Hearings and Events**

**Tuesday, January 19, 2016**

**Postsecondary Persistence and Success**

**Subject:** The New American Colleges & Universities (NAC&U) will host a briefing for hill staff, “Holistic Approaches to Postsecondary Persistence and Success: Integrating Liberal Education, Professional Studies, and Civic Engagement.” Students will discuss how integrating liberal arts, professional studies and civic engagement has improved the quality of their college experiences while preparing them for graduation and careers.

**Participants:** Richard Ekman, president, Council of Independent Colleges (moderator); Samantha Hubner, undergraduate student, Belmont University; Peter May, undergraduate student, University of Evansville; and Evan Melgren, undergraduate student, Drury University.

**Time and Location:** 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.; 2168 Rayburn HOB.

**Contact:** RSVP to [rchatterji@wpllc.net](mailto:rchatterji@wpllc.net) and include “RSVP NAC&U Briefing” in the subject line.

**Wednesday, January 20, 2016**

**Postsecondary Persistence and Success**

**Subject:** The New American Colleges & Universities will host a briefing, “Holistic Approaches to Postsecondary Persistence and Success: Integrating Liberal Education, Professional Studies, and Civic Engagement.”

**Participants:** William Sullivan, author (moderator); Jack Ryan, undergraduate student, North Central College; Daniela Gutierrez de la Garza, undergraduate student, Wagner College; and Dylan Gray, undergraduate student, Manhattan College.

**Time and Location:** 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.; National Press Club, First Amendment Lounge, 529 14th Street, NW, Washington, DC. A light breakfast will be served.

**Contact:** RSVP to [mcravez@wpllc.net](mailto:mcravez@wpllc.net) and include “RSVP NAC&U Briefing” in the subject line.
House Floor:
H.R. 1644 – STREAM Act
H.R. 3662 – Iran Terror Finance Transparency Act
S.J.Res. 22 – Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Corps of Engineers and the Environmental Protection Agency relating to the definition of “waters of the United States” under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act

Bills to Watch

EDUCATION SCIENCES REFORM ACT (ESRA)
S. 227  Sponsor: Sen. Lamar Alexander (R-TN)
Strengthening Education through Research Act (2/04/2015 Passed HELP Committee)

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

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