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Weekly Calendar
Key: E&S – Elementary & Secondary; H – Higher Education; D – Disability Policy

Monday, March 1, 2021
Webinar: Business Case for Expanding Apprenticeships (E&S, H)
Subject: The Brookings Institution will hold a webinar on "The Business Case for Expanding Apprenticeships: Federal and Employer Perspectives."
Participants: Anne Kim, contributing editor, Washington Monthly (Moderator); Richard Reeves, director, Future of the Middle Class Initiative, Brookings (Moderator); Rep. Suzanne Bonamici (D-OR); Rep. David McKinley (R-WV); Sen. John Hickenlooper (D-CO); Maria Flynn, president and CEO, Jobs for the Future; Noel Ginsburg, founder and CEO, CareerWise Colorado; Obed Louissaint, senior vice president for transformation and culture, IBM; and Vivek Nair, education and training engineering manager, Twilio Inc.
Time: 3:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.
Contact: Register here.

Tuesday, March 2, 2021
None.

Wednesday, March 3, 2021
Webinar: Building a More Equitable Education System (E&S, H, D)
Subject: The Atlantic will hold a webinar on "The State of Education: Rebuilding a More Equitable System."
Participants: John King, president and CEO, Education Trust and former Secretary of Education; Sonja Santelises, CEO, Baltimore City Schools, MD; Adam Harris, staff writer, The Atlantic; Mildred Garcia, president, American Association of State Colleges and Universities; and Susan Saulny, contributor, AtlanticLive.

Time: 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Contact: Register here.

Thursday, March 4, 2021

Webinar: The State of Higher Education Finances in 2021 (H)

Subject: The Bipartisan Policy Center will hold a webinar on “The State of Higher Education Finances in 2021.”

Participants: Armand Alacbay, vice president of trustee and government affairs, American Council of Trustees and Alumni; Belle Wheelan, CEO, Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges; Robert Kelchen, associate professor of higher education, Seton Hall University; and Lodriguez Murray, senior vice president of public policy and government affairs, United Negro College Fund.

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Contact: Register here.

Webinar: Postsecondary Pathways: Completion in the Age of COVID-19 (H)

Subject: The Hunt Institute will host a webinar on “Completion in the Age of COVID-19.”

Participants: Brian Bridges, secretary of higher education, NJ; Antoinette Flores, managing director for postsecondary education, Center for American Progress; and Timothy Renick, executive director, National Institute for Student Success, Georgia State University.

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Contact: Register here.

Friday, March 5, 2021

None.

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On The Floor This Week

Senate Floor:
Consideration of the nomination of Miguel Cardona to be Secretary of Education
Consideration of the nomination of Gina Raimando to be Secretary of Commerce
Consideration of the nomination of Debra Haaland to be Secretary of Interior
Consideration of the nomination of Cecilia Rouse to be Chairperson of the Council of Economic Advisors.
Potential consideration of other cabinet nominations
Potential consideration of American Rescue Plan reconciliation bill

House Floor:
H.R. 1 – For the People Act of 2021
H.R. 1280 – George Floyd Justice in Policing Act of 2021

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COVID-19 Related Bills

H.R. 1319 - The American Rescue Plan- FY 2021 Reconciliation bill (2/27/21 Passed by House)
S.Con.Res.5 – The American Rescue Plan - FY 2021 Concurrent Budget Resolution (2/5/21 Passed by House of Representatives and Senate)
H.R. 133 - Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (12/27/20- Signed by President)
SA 2652 to S. 178 - Delivering Immediate Relief to America's Families, Schools and Small Businesses Act (10/23/20 Failed in Senate)
H.R. 8406 - Updated HEROES Act (9/30/20 Passed by House of Representatives)
S. 4322 – Safely Back to School and Back to Work Act (7/27/20 Introduced)
H.R. 266 - Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act (4/24/20 Signed by President)
Senate Amendment to H.R. 748 - Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act (3/27/20 Signed by President)
H.R. 6201 - Families First Coronavirus Response Act (3/18/20 Signed by President)
H.R. 6074 - Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act (3/6/20 Signed by President)

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

U.S. House and Senate 2021 Schedule
Updated 2021 U.S. House Schedule
U.S. Department of Education
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