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This Week in Washington, a weekly publication of WPLLC, provides an overview of upcoming events in Washington, D.C. affecting American education. Please use the bookmarks below to navigate to your area of interest.

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Weekly Calendar

Monday, March 13, 2017
NASA STEM Education Meeting
Subject: NASA will hold a meeting of the NASA Advisory Council’s Ad Hoc Task Force on STEM Education.
Time and Location: 9:30 a.m.; 300 E Street, SW, Room 3H42, Washington, DC.
Contact: RSVP is required to Beverly.e.girten@nasa.gov. Call-in 844-467-6272, Access Code, 329152.

Tuesday, March 14, 2017
Women in STEM
Subject: The Women’s Bureau at the Department of Labor will hold an event, “Bias, Barriers and Breakthroughs.” The moderated discussion will center on the critical contributions of women and girls to science, technology, engineering, and math innovation in the United States.
Participants: Aprille Ericsson, capture manager, NASA; Lisa Ransom, senior policy advisor, National Alliance for Partnerships in Equity; Jessie DeAro, lead program director, National Science Foundation ADVANCE; and Bernadette Hence, program manager, Minority Science and Engineering Improvement Program, U.S. Department of Education.
Time and Location: 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.; Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC.
Contact: Register here.

Affordability and Accountability in Higher Education
Subject: The Bipartisan Policy Center will hold an event, “Promoting Affordability and Accountability in the U.S. Higher Education System.”
Participants: Sheila Bair, president, Washington College; Mitch Daniels, president, Purdue University; Wayne A. I. Frederick, president, Howard University; Alisa White, president, Austin Peay State University; and Kimberly Hefling, senior education writer, POLITICO.

Time and Location: 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.; 1225 Eye Street NW, Suite 1000, Washington, DC.

Contact: Register here.

Community College Excellence

Subject: The Aspen Institute will hold an event, “2017 Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence Award Ceremony.” The event will celebrate the crucial role of community colleges in strengthening the nation.

Time and Location: 12:10 p.m. – 2:10 p.m.; The Newseum, 555 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC.

Contact: Register here.

Wednesday, March 15, 2017

House Education and the Workforce Subcommittee Hearing on Student Aid

Subject: The House Education and the Workforce Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Development will hold a hearing, “Improving Federal Student Aid to Better Meet the Needs of Students.”

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

Contact: For inquiries on the hearing, contact: 202.225.4527.

Senate Appropriations Subcommittee Hearing on STEM Education

Subject: The Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies will hold a hearing, “STEM Education: Preparing Students for the Careers of Today and the Future.”

Witnesses: Sarah Tucker, chancellor, West Virginia Council for Community & Technical College Education, Charleston, WV; Larry Plank, director of K-12 STEM education, Hillsborough County Public Schools, Tampa, FL; Neil Lamb, vice president for educational outreach, HudsonAlpha Institute for Biotechnology, Huntsville, AL; and Caroline Kind, chief policy and strategy officer, Washington STEM, Seattle, WA.

Time and Location: 10:30 a.m.; 138 Dirksen SOB.

Contact: For inquiries on the hearing, contact: 202.224.7257.

Thursday, March 16, 2017

None.

Friday, March 17, 2017

None.
On The Floor This Week

Senate Floor:
Confirmation of Seema Verna to be Administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

House Floor:
H.R.1181 – Veterans 2nd Amendment Protection Act
H.R.1259 – VA Accountability First Act of 2017
H.R.1367 – To improve the authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to hire and retain physicians and other employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

Bills to Watch
FY 2017 APPROPRIATIONS
S.Con.Res 3 – FY 2017 Concurrent Budget Resolution (1/13/17 Passed by the House; 1/12/17 Passed by the Senate)

H.R.2028 - FY 2017 Further Continuing and Security Assistance Appropriations Act (12/9/16 Signed by President and Passed by the Senate; 12/18/16 Passed by the House)

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U.S. Senate 2016 Schedule
U.S. Department of Education
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