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.

Weekly Calendar

MONDAY, MARCH 24, 2014
Postsecondary Success Collaborative
Subject: The Alliance for Excellent Education will hold a webinar on “The Postsecondary Success Collaborative (PSC): Partnerships to Increase College Enrollment and Success” to discuss PSC, a multi-sector partnership engaging schools, districts, and higher education and community partners.
Participants: Maud Abeel, Associate Director for Strategic Partnerships, FHI 360; Debora Borges-Carrera, Principal, Kensington High School for Creative and Performing Arts, PA; Lisa Ciacci, Citi Postsecondary Success Project Director, The Education Fund, FL; and Robert Rothman, Senior Fellow, Alliance for Excellent Education.
Time: 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Contact: Register at: http://all4ed.org/webinar/mar-24-2014/.

TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 2014
House LHHS Public Witness Hearing
Subject: The House Labor, Health and Human Services and Education (LHHS) Appropriations Subcommittee will hold its public witness hearing on the FY2015 budget.
Time and Location: 10:00 a.m.; 2358C Rayburn HOB.
Contact: To see complete list of witnesses go to: http://appropriations.house.gov/calendar/eventsingle.aspx?EventID=371685.
**House Department of Interior Hearing on President’s FY2015 Budget Request**

**Subject:** The House Interior, Environment and Related Agencies House Appropriations Subcommittee will hold a hearing on the President’s FY2015 budget request for the agency.

**Witness:** Sally Jewell, Secretary, Department of Interior.

**Time and Location:** 1:30 p.m.; 2359 Rayburn HOB.

**Contact:** For inquiries about the hearing call 202.225.3081.

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**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26, 2014**

**The Senate Department of Interior Hearing on President’s FY2015 Budget**

**Subject:** The Senate Subcommittee on the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies will hold a hearing on the President’s FY2015 budget request for the agency.

**Witnesses:** Sally Jewell, Secretary, Department of Interior.

**Time and Location:** 9:15 a.m.; 124 Dirksen SOB.

**Contact:** For inquiries about the hearing call 202.224.7363.

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**The House Science, Space and Technology Hearing on the President’s FY 15 Budget**

**Subject:** The House Committee on Science, Space and Technology will hold a hearing, “A Review of the President’s Fiscal Year 2015 Budget Request for Science Agencies.”

**Time and Location:** 10:00 a.m.; 2318 Rayburn HOB.

**Contact:** For inquiries about the hearing call 202.225.6371.

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**LHHS Subcommittee Hearing on Biomedical Research**

**Subject:** The House Labor, Health and Human Services and Education (LHHS) Appropriations Subcommittee will hold a hearing on “The Future of Biomedical Research.”

**Witnesses:** Francis Collins, Director, National Institute of Health; Harold Varmus, Director, National Cancer Institute; Anthony Fauci, Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases; Story Landis, Director, National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke; and Gary Gibbons, Director, National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute.

**Time and Location:** 10:00 a.m.; 2358-C Rayburn HOB.

**Contact:** For inquiries about the hearing call 202.225.2271.

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**THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 2014**

**The Innovation Symposium**

**Subject:** The Information Technology Industry (ITI) Council will host “The Innovation Symposium” that will include a series of three panel discussions: Expanding Access to Innovation Around the World, Securing the Jobs of Tomorrow and the New Mobile Platform.

**Participants:** Karen Appleton, Senior Vice President, Global Alliances, Box; Representative Kevin Brad (R-TX); Rob Atkinson, Founder and President, ITI; Representative Jason Chaffetz (R-UT); Jim Shelton, Deputy Secretary, U.S. Department of Education; Representative Suzan DelBene (D-WA); Sandy Lobenstein, Vice President of Connected Vehicle Technology, Toyota; Craig Silliman, Senior Vice President for Public Policy, Verizon, and John Godfrey, Vice President of Communications and Regulatory Policy, Samsung.

**Time and Location:** 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.; Knight Studio, The Newseum, 555 Pennsylvania Ave, NW, Washington, DC 20001.

**Contact:** Register to attend in-person or watch a live stream of the event at: [https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-innovation-symposium-tickets-10930390091](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-innovation-symposium-tickets-10930390091).

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**Data and Personalization of Learning**

**Subject:** The New American Foundation and the Century Foundation will host an event on “Degrees of Inequality: How the Politics of Higher Education Sabotaged the American Dream” to discuss what the government can do to ensure that colleges continue to provide a gateway to opportunity, rather than perpetuating inequality by limiting access to only those who are rich enough to afford it.

**Participants:** Suzanne Mettler, Professor of American Institutions, Government Department, Cornell University and Author, Degrees of Inequality: How the Politics of Higher Education
Sabotaged the American Dream; Robert Shireman, Executive Director, California Complete and Former U.S. Deputy Undersecretary of Education; Frances E. Lee, Professor of Government & Politics, University of Maryland.

**Time and Location:** 9:30 p.m. – 11:00 a.m.; New America Foundation, 1899 L Street, NW, Suite 400, Washington, DC.

**Contact:** Register at: [http://www.newamerica.net/events/2014/degrees_of_inequality](http://www.newamerica.net/events/2014/degrees_of_inequality).

**Senate HELP Hearing on Student Loans**

**Subject:** The Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) will hold a hearing, “Strengthening the Federal Student Loan Program for Borrowers.”

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

**Contact:** For inquiries about the hearing call 202.224.5375.

**NSF FY2015 Budget**

**Subject:** The House Commerce, Justice, Science Appropriations Subcommittee will hold a hearing on the President’s FY2015 budget request for the National Science Foundation (NSF).

**Witness:** Dr. Cora Marrett, Acting Director, NSF.

**Time and Location:** 10:00 a.m.; H-309 The Capitol.

**Contact:** For inquiries about the hearing call 202.225.3351.

**Women in STEM**

**Subject:** The New America Foundation will host an event on “From Nowhere to Nobels: Pathways to Success for Women in STEM.”

**Participants:** Maria Klawe, President, Harvey Mudd College; Carol Greider, Winner of the 2009 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine and Daniel Nathans Professor and Director, Department of Molecular Biology and Genetics, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine; Nancy Hopkins, Amgen, Inc. and Professor of Molecular Biology, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Liza Mundy, Director, Breadwinning and Caregiving Program, New America Foundation; Maria Klawe, President, Harvey Mudd College; Edmund Bertschinger, Institute Community and Equity Officer and Professor of Physics, Department of Physics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Hannah Valantine, Chief Officer for Scientific Workforce Diversity, National Institutes of Health; Meredith Wadman, Future Tense Fellow, New America Foundation; Reshma Saujani, Founder and CEO, Girls Who Code; Kimberly Scott, Associate Professor, School of Social Transformation, Arizona State University and Executive Director, COMPUGIRLS; and Geoff Brumfiel, Science Correspondent, NPR.

**Time and Location:** 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.; Dupont Circle Hotel, 1500 New Hampshire Avenue, NW, Glover Park Ballroom, Washington, DC.

**Contact:** Register at: [http://www.newamerica.org/events/2014/pathways_for_women_in_stem](http://www.newamerica.org/events/2014/pathways_for_women_in_stem).

**FRIDAY, MARCH 28, 2014**

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**On The Floor This Week**

**Senate Floor:**

S.2124 – The Ukraine Act

Possible consideration of S.2122 - Responsible Medicare SGR Repeal and Beneficiary Improvement Act

**House Floor:**
**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)
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