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This Week in Washington, a weekly publication of WP LLC, 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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Monday, March 28, 2016

Future of College Assessment

Subject: New America will hold an event, “The Future of College Assessment” which will look at a new generation of standardized assessments designed to measure the critical thinking, analytic reasoning, and communication skills of undergraduates and how college professors can use assessments to improve the quality of their teaching and ensure that faculty continue to define academic standards.

Participants: Kevin Carey, director, Education Policy Program, New America (Moderator); Alberto Acerada, senior director, Business Development and Global Education, Educational Testing Service (ETS); and Roger Benjamin, president, Council for Aid to Education.

Time and Location: 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.; 740 15th Street, NW, Suite 900, Washington, DC.

Contact: Register here.

Tuesday, March 29, 2016

None.

Wednesday, March 30, 2016

None.

Thursday, March 31, 2016

Innovation in Urban Public Higher Education
Subject: The Association of Public and Land-grant Universities (APLU) and Coalition of Urban Serving Universities (USU) will hold an event, “Ambitious and Transformative Approaches to Urban Public Higher Education Completion: Collaborating for Change.”

Participants: Mark Rosenberg, president, Florida International University; Sukhwant Jhaj, vice provost, Academic Innovation and Student Success, Portland State University; and Thomas Moss, associate vice provost, University of Illinois at Chicago.

Time and Location: 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.; 529 14th Street, NW, First Amendment Lounge, Washington, DC.

Contact: Register here.

Friday, April 1, 2016
None.

Future Hearings and Events

Tuesday, April 5, 2016
Role of Advising in College Retention

Subject: The American Youth Policy Forum (AYPF) will hold a webinar, "Moving the Needle for First Generation College Students: Comprehensive Advising from College Access to Success."

Participants: Elizabeth Morgan, director of external relations, National College Access Network (NCAN); Cassie Magesis, director of college readiness, Urban Assembly, Bridge to College Program; Pam Blumenthal, director, Links Program; Josh Laurie, manager, Future Connect Scholarship, Portland Community College; and Rana Tarkenton, deputy executive director and chief operating officer, Denver Scholarship Foundation.

Time: 2:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

Contact: Register here.

On The Floor This Week

Senate Floor:
The Senate is in recess until Monday, April 4th.

House Floor:
The House is in recess until Tuesday, April 12th.

Bills to Watch

EDUCATION SCIENCES REFORM ACT (ESRA)

S. 227  Sponsor: Sen. Lamar Alexander (R-TN)
Strengthening Education through Research Act (12/17/15 Passed by Senate; 2/04/2015 Passed by HELP Committee)
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