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Monday, April 4, 2016
None.

Tuesday, April 5, 2016
Fiscal Issues in Next Administration
Subject: The Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget and Miller Center will hold an event to discuss the fiscal issues the next President will inherit.
Participants: Former Governor of Indiana Mitch Daniels (R) and past director, Office of Management and Budget (OMB); and Dr. Alice Rivlin, past director, OMB.
Time and Location: 9:30 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.; 800 16th Street, NW, Washington, DC.
Contact: Register here.

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.
Financial Attitudes and Behaviors
Subject: HigherOne and EverFi will hold an event to release *Money Matters on Campus*, the fourth-year results of a survey examining the financial attitudes and behaviors of college students from across the United States.
Participants: Bryan Ashton, assistant director, Student Wellness Center, The Ohio State University; Jillian Berman, reporter, MarketWatch; Kate Griffin, vice president of programs, Corporation for Enterprise Development; Mary Johnson, vice president of financial literacy and student aid policy, HigherOne; and Drew Smith, director, Office of Wellness Initiatives for Student Empowerment; The University of Kentucky.
Time and Location: 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.; National Press Club, 529 14th Street, First Amendment Lounge, Washington, DC.
Contact: Register here.

Wednesday, April 6, 2016
None.

Thursday, April 7, 2016
Presidential STEM Advisors Debate
Subject: STEM4US! will hold an event, "Capitol Hill Power Lunch: Presidential STEM Advisors Debate." The purpose of this gathering is to highlight the similarities and differences between Presidential candidates concerning education, diversity and other workforce development issues confronting executives in the energy, health and other STEM fields.
Participants: Donni Turner, advisor to Senator Bernie Sanders (I-VT) (Confirmed); Sara Solow, advisor to former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton (Confirmed); Jason Johnson, advisor to Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX) (Invited); Sarah Nelson, advisor to Governor John Kasich (R) (Invited); Corey R. Lewandowski, campaign manager to Donald Trump (invited); and Joel Peissig, press secretary to Dr. Jill Stein (invited).
Time and Location: 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.; B-338 Rayburn HOB.
Contact: Register here.

Friday, April 8, 2016
Funding Structures in Higher Education
Subject: New America will host an event, “Starting from Scratch? A Debate on Vouchers vs. Direct Aid to Colleges.” The event will discuss the nuances of the current voucher system and whether a state-federal partnership that provides federal aid to colleges through states would promote access and affordability.
Participants: Sarah Flanagan, vice president for government relations and policy development, National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (NAICU); Andrew Kelly, resident scholar, American Enterprise Institute (AEI); F. King Alexander, president, Louisiana State University; William Doyle, associate professor of higher education, Vanderbilt University; and Danielle Douglas-Gabriel, higher education reporter, *The Washington Post*.
Time and Location: 10:00 a.m.; New America, 740 15th Street, NW, Suite 900, Washington, DC.
Contact: Register here.

Future Hearings and Events

Thursday, April 14, 2016
Career and Technical Education
Subject: The Thomas B. Fordham Institute will hold an event, “Today’s CTE: A Dead-End Track, or a Path to the Middle Class?”
Participants: Shaun Dougherty, assistant professor, University of Connecticut; Cheryl Oldham, Center for Education and Workforce, United States Chamber of Commerce Foundation; Charisse Childers, director, Arkansas Department of Career Education; and Michael Petrilli, president, Thomas B. Fordham Institute.
Time and Location: 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.; Fordham Institute, 1016 16th Street, NW, 7th Floor, Washington, DC.
Contact: Register here.
On The Floor This Week

Senate Floor:
S.1890 – Defend Trade Secrets Act

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)

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

U.S. House of Representatives 2016 Schedule
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