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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.

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MONDAY, APRIL 7, 2014
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TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2014

Financial Literacy

Subject: EverFi and Higher One will host an event to release their second-year results of a report titled, “Money Matters on Campus” that examined 65,000 first-year college students from across the U.S. to better understand the aspects of a student’s life that most significantly predict positive and negative financial outcomes.

Participants: Bryan Ashton, Assistant Director, The Ohio State University Student Wellness Center, Financial Education & Coaching; Ted Gonder, Co-Founder and CEO, Moneythink; Member of President’s Advisory Council on Financial Capability for Young Americans; Mary Johnson, Director of Financial Literacy and Student Aid Policy, Higher One; Brian Sponsler, Ed.D., Vice President for Research and Policy, NASPA; Katherine Sydor, Policy Advisor, Office of Consumer Protection, U.S. Department of Treasury; and Daniel Zapp, Ph.D., Associate Director of Research, EverFi.

Time and Location: 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.; B340 Rayburn HOB.

Contact: RSVP at: http://www.eventbrite.com/e/money-matters-on-campus-tickets-5594224476.
House ED and Workforce Committee Mark Up of Charter Schools and ESRA Legislation

Subject: The House Education and the Workforce Committee will mark up the Success and Opportunity through Quality Charter Schools Act (H.R. 10) and the Strengthening Education through Research Act (H.R. 4366).

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

Contact: For inquiries about the hearing call 202.225.4527.

House LHHS and Education Hearing on the FY2015 Budget

Subject: The House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services (LHHS), Education and Related Agencies will hold a hearing, “FY 2015 Budget Hearing - Department of Education.”

Witness: The Honorable Arne Duncan, Secretary, Department of Education.

Time and Location: 10:30 a.m.; 2358-C Rayburn HOB.

Contact: For inquiries about the hearing call 202.225.2771.

Technology in Education

Subject: Politico will host an event, “Education Technology Intersection,” to discuss education, technology and applications for the real world.

Participants: Richard Culatta, Director, Office of Education Technology, U.S. Department of Education; Christine Fox, Director, Educational Leadership and Research, State Education Technology Directors Association; Nancy Hoffman, Vice President and Senior Advisor, Jobs for the Future; and Susan Singer, Director, Division of Undergraduate Education, National Science Foundation.

Time and Location: 12:00 p.m.; The Newseum, 555 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC.

Contact: Register at: https://www.eventfarm.com/tokens/expired?tr=0KY04g2Ss1kdIs7sheQV3EqDIH7FcGnDQL3kswDkYnYKfw DXbTiEY8.

Government Data Collection

Subject: The Information Technology & Innovation Foundation (ITIF) will host an event, “The Economic Impact of Open Data.”

Participants: Daniel Castro, Center for Data Innovation; Mark Doms, Undersecretary of Commerce for Economic Affairs, U.S. Department of Commerce; Joel Gurin, Senior Advisor, New York University Governance Lab; Waldo Jaquith, Director, U.S. Open Data Institute; and Erie Meyer, Senior Advisor to the U.S. Chief Technology Officer, White House Office of Science and Technology Policy.

Time and Location: 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.; Arent Fox LLP, 2nd Floor Auditorium, 1717 K Street, NW, Washington, DC.


WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 2014

House Subcommittee Hearing on Innovation and Technology

Subject: The House Subcommittee on Research and Technology will hold a hearing titled, “Prizes to Spur Innovation and Technology Breakthroughs.”

Witnesses: Christopher Frangione, Vice President of Prize Development, XPRIZE; Donnie Wilson, Founder and CEO, Elastec American Marine; Narinder Singh, Co-Founder and Chief Strategy Officer, Appirio and President, TopCoder; and Dr. Sharon Moe, President, American Society of Nephrology.

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

Contact: For inquiries about the hearing call 202.225.6371.

THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 2014

House Science, Space, and Technology Hearing on the DOE’s Priorities
Subject: The House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology will hold a hearing on the “Department of Energy (DOE) Science and Technology Priorities.” 
Witness: The Honorable Ernest Moniz, Secretary, Department of Energy. 
Time and Location: 9:00 a.m.; 2318 Rayburn HOB. 
Contact: For inquiries about the hearing call 202.225.6371.

Federal Student Aid Reform
Subject: The Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities (APLU) will host a public forum, “Alternatives to Ratings: Reforming Federal Aid Effectively & Fairly.” 
Participants: Peter McPherson, President, APLU; Sandy Baum, Senior Fellow, Urban Institute; Doug Lederman, Editor, Inside Higher Ed; David Bergeron, Vice President for Postsecondary Education; Center for American Progress; Christine Keller, SAM & VSA Executive Director and APLU Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs; Juliette Bell, President, University of Maryland Eastern Shore; Michele Wheatly, Provost, West Virginia University; Michael Tanner, Chief Academic Officer & APLU Vice President; Megan McClean, Managing Director of Policy and Federal Relations, National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators; Nate Johnson, Senior Consultant, HCM Strategies; and Barmak Nassirian, Director of Federal Relations and Policy Analysis, American Association of State Colleges and Universities. 
Time and Location: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.; APLU Headquarters, 1307 New York Avenue, NW, First Floor Multipurpose Rooms, Washington, D.C. 
Contact: Register at: https://www.cvent.com/events/alternatives-to-ratings-br-reforming-federal-aid-effectively-fairly/registration-87ee56e2424c31b9cd8e7e3b4d6340.aspx.

Higher Education for Minority Students
Subject: The Center for American Progress (CAP) will host an event, “The Changing Face of America: Higher Education Policy and the Role of Minority Serving Institutions.” 
Participants: Vanessa Cardenas, Vice President, Progress 2050, CAP; Martha Kanter, Distinguished Visiting Professor of Higher Education, New York University and former President of DeAnza College; Deb Santiago, Chief Operating Officer and Vice President for Policy, Excelencia in Education; Ajita Talwalker, Senior Policy Advisor for Education, Domestic Policy Council, The White House; Rob Teranishi, Professor of Social Science and Comparative Education, University of California, Los Angeles; and Neil Horikoshi, President & Executive Director, Asian & Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund. 
Time: 12:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.; CAP, 1333 H Street, NW, 10th Floor, Washington, D.C. 
Contact: RSVP at: http://app.mx3.americanprogressaction.org/e/er?s=785&lid=154711&elq=195999f413cd4f5a9b1870189e23d699.

FRIDAY, APRIL 11, 2014
NONE.

On The Floor This Week
Senate Floor: 
H.R.3979 - Emergency Unemployment Benefits Extension Act

House Floor: 
H.R. 1872 – Budget and Accounting Transparency Act of 2014

H.Con.Res. 96 – Establishing the budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2015 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2016 through 2024.
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)

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

- U.S. Senate 2013 Schedule: [http://www.senate.gov/pagelayout/legislative/one_item_and_teasers/2013_schedule.htm](http://www.senate.gov/pagelayout/legislative/one_item_and_teasers/2013_schedule.htm)
- U.S. Senate Budget Committee: [http://www.budget.senate.gov](http://www.budget.senate.gov)
- Federal legislative information: [http://thomas.loc.gov](http://thomas.loc.gov)

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