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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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Monday, April 11, 2016

Postsecondary Attainment

Subject: The Lumina Foundation will hold an event to release their report, “A Stronger Nation 2016,” on postsecondary attainment, which will include both the latest degree attainment data as well as the first-ever national representative data showing Americans’ attainment of high-quality postsecondary certificates.

Participants: Jamie Merisotis, president and CEO, Lumina Foundation; Anthony Carnevale, director, Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce; Joe Garcia, Colorado Lieutenant Governor and Executive Director, Colorado Department of Higher Education; Maurice Jones, Virginia Secretary of Commerce and Trade; Chris Bustamante, president, Rio Salado College; and Nirvi Shah, deputy editor of policy, POLITICO Pro.

Time and Location: 3:00 p.m.; National Press Club, 529 14th Street, NW, Washington, DC.

Contact: Register here.

Tuesday, April 12, 2016

Postsecondary Vocational Education

Subject: New America will hold an event, “Global Renaissance in Postsecondary Vocational Education?: International Perspectives on Skills-Based Education and Social Mobility.”

Participants: Ann-Marie Bathmaker, University of Birmingham, England; Debra Bragg, University of Illinois; Ariel Fiszbein, Inter-American Dialogue, Washington, DC; Allison Fuller, UCL Institute of Education, England; David James, Cardiff University, Wales; Nneka Jenkins, Aspen Institute, Washington, DC; Greg Matte, Helmets to Hardhats, Canada; Mary Alice McCarthy, New America; Justin Powell, University of Luxembourg, Luxembourg; Michele Simons, Dean, School of Education, Western Sydney University, Australia; and Leesa Wheelahan, University of Toronto, Canada.
Time and Location: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.; New America, 740 15th Street, NW, Suite 900, Washington, DC. Contact: Register here.

Wednesday, April 13, 2016

First Generation College Students (H)

Subject: The American Youth Policy Forum (AYPF) will hold a webinar, “Moving the Needle for 1st Generation College Students: Technology to Complement Advising.”

Participants: Tania Johnson-Rachkoskie, director of education and training, National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC); Dr. Lindsay C. Page, assistant professor, University of Pittsburgh; Chris Mitchell, senior manager of curriculum and instruction, College Possible; Chelsea M. Jones, associate director of student programs, Center for Student Opportunity; and Gabriel Reyes, student blogger, Center for Student Opportunity.

Time: 2:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.
Contact: Register here.

Thursday, April 14, 2016

Business Partnerships and Higher Education

Subject: The Committee for Economic Development (CED) will host a session, “Business and Higher-Education Partnerships: Skilling the Workforce,” as part of a broader 2-day policy conference.

Participants: Kevin Carey, director, Education Policy Program, New America; Teresa Carlson, vice president, Worldwide Public Sector, Amazon Web Services; Tom McInerney, president and CEO, Genworth Financial; Tom Murray, director of education programs, Snap-On; Kathleen Powell, president-elect, National Association of Colleges and Employers; and Betty Vandenbosch, president, Kaplan University.

Time and Location: 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.; 1401 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC.
Contact: Register here.

Friday, April 15, 2016

None.

Future Hearings and Events

Monday, April 18, 2016

Budget Process

Subject: The Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget will hold an event, “Fixing the Budget Process.”

Participants: Dr. Stuart Butler, senior fellow, Economic Studies, The Brookings Institution; Maya MacGuineas, president, Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget; Dr. Marvin Phaup, professor, Trachtenberg School of Public Policy and Public Administration, The George Washington University; and Paul Posner, director, Graduate Public Administration Program, George Mason University.

Time and Location: 12:45 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.; 210 Cannon HOB.
Contact: Register here.

Tuesday, April 19, 2016

Indicators of Higher Education Equity

Subject: The Pell Institute and PennAHEAD will hold an event to release the second annual report, “Indicators of Higher Education Equity in the United States 2016: Historical Trend Report.”

Time and Location: 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.; 529 14th Street, NW, Washington, DC.
Contact: Register here. Breakfast will be served.

Thursday, April 21, 2016

Future of Higher Education

Subject: The Urban Institute will hold an event, “Separating Fact from Fiction in Higher Education.”

Participants: Matthew M. Chingos, senior fellow, Urban Institute; Michael S. McPherson, president, Spencer Foundation; Edward Montgomery, dean, McCourt School of Public Policy, Georgetown University; and Libby Nelson, education reporter, Vox.
On The Floor This Week

Senate Floor:
H.R. 636 – America’s Small Business Tax Relief Act of 2015 (legislative vehicle for the FAA reauthorization).

House Floor:
H.R. 3791 – To raise the consolidated assets threshold under the small bank holding company policy statement, and for other purposes
H.R. 3340 – Financial Stability Oversight Council Reform Act
H.R. 2666 – No Rate Regulation of Broadband Internet Access Act

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

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