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Weekly Calendar
Key: E&S – Elementary & Secondary; H – Higher Education; D – Disability Policy

Monday, April 12, 2021
None.

Tuesday, April 13, 2021
Hearing: Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on the FY2022 Request for the National Science Foundation (E&S, H, D)
Subject: The Senate Appropriations Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Subcommittee will hold a hearing on the President’s proposed FY2022 budget for the National Science Foundation and securing U.S. competitiveness.
Witness: Sethuraman Panchanathan, director, National Science Foundation.
Time: 2:00 p.m.
Contact: Live stream available here.

Hearing: Senate Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Subcommittee to Examine Student Debt and Racial Justice (H)
Subject: The Senate Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Economic Policy Subcommittee will hold a hearing on “The Student Debt Burden and Its Impact on Racial Justice, Borrowers, and The Economy.”
Witnesses: Rep. Ayanna Pressley (D-MA); James Steeley, president and CEO, PA Higher Education Assistance Agency; John Remondi, president and CEO, Navient; and Maura Healey, MA Attorney General.
Time: 2:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 14, 2021

**Hearing: House Appropriations Subcommittee on the Year Ahead for the Department of Agriculture (E&S, H)**

**Subject:** The House Appropriations Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Subcommittee will hold a hearing on “The U.S. Department of Agriculture—The Year Ahead.”

**Witness:** Thomas Vilsack, secretary, Department of Agriculture.

**Time:** 10:00 a.m.

**Contact:** Livestream available [here](#).

**Hearing: House Appropriations Subcommittee on the FY2022 Request for the National Science Foundation (E&S, H, D)**

**Subject:** The House Appropriations Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Subcommittee will hold a hearing on the President’s proposed FY2022 budget for the National Science Foundation.

**Witness:** Sethuraman Panchanathan, director, National Science Foundation.

**Time:** 10:00 a.m.

**Contact:** Livestream available [here](#).

**Hearing: House Veterans’ Affairs Subcommittee Legislative Hearing (H)**

**Subject:** The House Veterans’ Affairs Economic Opportunity Subcommittee will hold a hearing on several bills related to registered apprenticeships for veterans, tribal college programs for veterans, and higher education assistance modifications for veterans.

**Time:** 10:00 a.m.

**Contact:** Livestream available [here](#).

**Hearing: Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee (E&S, H)**

**Subject:** The Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee will hold a hearing on the "Endless Frontier Act." The hearing will address potential actions to strengthen the U.S. innovation ecosystem, including increasing National Science Foundation research funding; growing and diversifying the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) pipeline; improving technology transfer; and investing in regional innovation centers.

**Witnesses:** Mary Lynn Miranda, provost, University of Notre Dame; David Shaw, provost, Mississippi State University; Linden Rhoads, general manager, W Fund; Gary Butler, CEO, Campaign Microsystems; Bill Bonvillian, senior director, Massachusetts Institute of Technology Office of Open Learning; and Kelvin Droegemeir, professor, University of Oklahoma, former director, Office of Science and Technology Policy.

**Time:** 10:00 a.m.

**Contact:** Livestream available [here](#).

Thursday, April 15, 2021

**Nomination Hearing: Senate HELP Committee on Nomination of Undersecretary of Education (H)**

**Subject:** The Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) Committee will hold a hearing to consider the nomination of James Kvaal to serve as Undersecretary of Education.

**Witness:** James Kvaal, president, The Institute for College Access and Success.

**Time:** 10:00 a.m.

**Contact:** Livestream available [here](#).

**Hearing: House LHHS-ED Appropriations Committee on FY2022 Budget Request for the Department of Health and Human Services (E&S, H)**

**Subject:** The House Appropriations Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Subcommittee will hold a hearing on the FY2022 Budget Request for the Department of Health and Human Services.

**Witness:** Xavier Becerra, secretary, Department of Health and Human Services.

**Time:** 10:00 a.m.

**Contact:** Livestream available [here](#).
Webinar: Computer Science for Every Student (E&S, H)
**Subject:** Code.org will host a webinar on “Computer Science for Every Student.”
**Participants:** Arne Duncan, managing partner, Emerson Collective, former U.S. Secretary of Education; and Hadi Partovi, founder, Code.org.
**Time:** 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
**Contact:** Register [here](#).

Friday, April 16, 2021
None.

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Future Hearings and Events

Monday, April 19, 2021
Webinar: Why Racial Representation Matters in the Classroom (E&S, H)
**Subject:** The Brown Center for Education Policy at Brookings will host a webinar to discuss the new book, “Teacher Diversity and Student Success: Why Racial Representation Matters in the Classroom,” and the importance of diversifying the teacher workforce.
**Participants:** Andre Perry, senior fellow, Metropolitan Policy Program, Brookings (Moderator); Patricia Alvarez McHatton, senior vice president, Branch Alliance for Educator Diversity; Seth Gershenson, assistant professor, School of Public Affairs, American University; Michael Hansen, senior fellow, Brown Center on Education Policy, Brookings; and Constance Lindsay, assistant professor, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.
**Time:** 2:00pm – 3:00 p.m.
**Contact:** Register [here](#).

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On The Floor This Week

**Senate Floor:**
Consideration of Polly Ellen Trottenberg to be Deputy Secretary of Transportation
Consideration of Wendy Ruth Sherman to be Deputy Secretary of State;
Consideration of Gary Gensler to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission
Consideration of Brenda Mallory to be a Member of the Council on Environmental Quality

**House Floor:**
- [Senate Amendment to H.R. 1868](#) – An Act to prevent across-the-board direct spending cuts, and for other purposes
- [H.R. 7](#) – Paycheck Fairness Act
- [H.R. 1195](#) – Workplace Violence Prevention for Health Care and Social Service Workers Act

COVID-19 Related Bills

- [H.R. 1319](#) - American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (3/11/21 Signed by President)
- [H.R. 133](#) - Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) Act, 2021(12/27/20-Signed by President)
- [H.R. 748](#) - Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act (3/27/20 Signed by President)
- [H.R. 6201](#) - Families First Coronavirus Response Act (3/18/20 Signed by President)

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H.R. 6074 - Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act (3/6/20 Signed by President)

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