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**MONDAY, APRIL 21, 2014**

NONE.

**TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 2014**

**CTE Pathways**

**Subject:** The National Center for College and Career Transition (NC3T) will host a webinar on “The U.S. Labor Market and its Implications for CTE and Pathways.”

**Participants:** Dr. Paul Harrington, Director, Center for Labor Markets and Policy, Drexel University; Bruce Levine, Director, Educational Policy Program, Drexel School of Education; and Brett Pawloski, NC3T.

**Time:** 3:00 p.m.

**Contact:** Register at: [http://form.jotformpro.com/form/41053607051948](http://form.jotformpro.com/form/41053607051948).

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, 2014**

**STEM Education**

**Subject:** The American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) will host a STEM Decision Point Dialogue titled, “Critical Thinking, Critical Choices: What Really Matters in STEM” to discuss the future of STEM education.

**Participants:** Mark Conner, Director, The Engineering Academy at Hoover High School, AL; James Douglas, Former Governor of Vermont; Madiha Kotb, President, ASME; Arthur Levine,
President, Woodrow Wilson Foundation; Michele Lezama, Executive Director, The National GEM Consortium; Ioannis Miaoulis, President and Director, Museum of Science, Boston; and Valerie Strauss, Education Writer and Blogger, Washington Post.

**Time and Location:** 9:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.; Walter E. Washington Convention Center, 801 Mt. Vernon Place, NW, Room 201, Washington, DC.


**College Completion Rates**

**Subject:** The American Enterprise Institute (AEI) will host an event, “Graduation Day: How Dad’s Involvement Impacts Higher Education Success.”

**Participants:** Kay Hymowitz, Manhattan Institute; Patrick Patterson, ICF International; W. Bradford Wilcox, AEI and University of Virginia; and Robert Doar, AEI.

**Time and Location:** 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.; AEI, 1150 17th Street, NW, 12th Floor, Washington, DC.


**THURSDAY, APRIL 24, 2014**

**Career and Technical Education Programs**

**Subject:** The National Association of State Directors of Career Technical Education Consortium (NASDCTEc) and the International Business Machines Corporation (IBM) will host a briefing on the reauthorization of the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act, Career and Technical Education programs and Pathways in Technology Early College High School (P-TECH).

**Participants:** Kim Green, Executive Director, NASDCTEc; and Stan Litow, Vice President of Corporate Citizenship and Corporate Affairs, IBM.

**Time and Location:** 9:30 a.m.; IBM, 600 14th Street, NW, 3rd Floor, Washington, DC.

**Contact:** RSVP to Steve Voytek at svoytek@careertech.org.

**FRIDAY, APRIL 25, 2014**

NONE.

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**On The Floor This Week**

**Senate Floor:**
The Senate will be in recess until April 28.

**House Floor:**
The House will be in recess until April 28.

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**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. House of Representatives 2013 Schedule:  
http://majorityleader.gov/calendar/113thCongressFirstSession.pdf

U.S. Senate 2013 Schedule:  
http://www.senate.gov/pagelayout/legislative/one_item_and_teasers/2013_schedule.htm


U.S. Senate Budget Committee: http://www.budget.senate.gov

U.S. House Budget Committee: http://www.house.gov/budget

Congressional Budget Office: http://www.cbo.gov

Federal legislative information: http://thomas.loc.gov

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