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Weekly Calendar

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

Monday, April 24, 2017
None.

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Equity in Higher Education

**Subject:** The Pell Institute will hold an event, “Educational Equity in Higher Education,” to discuss the report, “Indicators of Higher Education Equity in the United States: 45 Year Report.”

**Time and Location:** 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.; National Press Club, 529 14th Street, NW, Washington, DC.

**Contact:** Register here.

Workforce Needs and Two Year College Partnerships

**Subject:** The American Chemical Society (ACS) will host a briefing, “Addressing Workforce Needs Through Industry and Two Year College Partnerships.” The discussion will feature representatives from industry and two year colleges to address shortening the skills gap for students entering the workforce as Congress looks to reauthorize the *Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act (CTE).*

**Participants:** Diane Grob Schmidt, chair, ACS Board Committee on Corporation Associates; David Baker, associate professor, Delta College, University Center, MI; Carrie Houtman, director of global public policy and issues management, The Dow Chemical Company; Tamika Duplessis, assistant professor of chemistry and executive dean, Delgado Community College, New Orleans, LA; and Anthony DiStasio, assistant professor of chemistry, County College of Morris, Randolph, NJ.
Wednesday, April 26, 2017

Eliminating the Department of Education

Subject: The Cato Institute will hold an event, “End the ED: Time to Dissolve the U.S. Department of Education?”
Participants: John F. Pfaff, professor of law, Fordham Law School; Jeffrey Mrion, director of economic studies, Cato Institute; and Jonathan Blanks, research associate, Project on Criminal Justice, Cato Institute.
Time and Location: 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.; Cato Institute, 1000 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, DC.
Contact: Register here.

Improving Postsecondary and Career Outcomes

Subject: The Hamilton Project at the Brookings Institution will hold an event, “Leveling the Playing Field: Policy Options to Improve Postsecondary Education and Career Outcomes.”
Participants: Robert E. Rubin, former U.S. Treasury Secretary; Andy Smarick, Morgridge fellow, American Enterprise Institute; James Kvaal, Towsley Foundation Policymaker in Residence, University of Michigan; Bridget Terry Long, Saris professor of education and economics, Graduate School of Education, Harvard University; Sandra Black, Audre and Bernard Rapoport centennial chair in economics and public affairs, University of Texas at Austin; Charlene M. Dukes, president, Prince George’s Community College; Michael Dakduk, executive vice president and director of government relations, Career Education Colleges and Universities; Sarita E. Brown, president, Excelencia in Education; Belle Wheelan, president, Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges; and Heather Wathington, chief executive officer, The Maya Angelou Schools and See Forever Foundation.
Time and Location: 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.; Brookings Institution, 1775 Massachusetts, Avenue, NW, Washington, DC.
Contact: Register here.

Posters on the Hill

Subject: The Council on Undergraduate Research (CUR) and the American Chemical Society (ACS) will hold a reception that will feature student research projects that demonstrate exemplary undergraduate research from across the nation.
Time and Location: 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.; B357 Rayburn HOB.
Contact: RSVP to ahall@wplic.net by April 24.

Thursday, April 27, 2017

House Education and the Workforce Committee Hearing

Subject: The House Committee on Education and the Workforce will hold a hearing, “Strengthening Accreditation to Better Protect Students and Taxpayers.”
Time and Location: 10:00 a.m.; 2175 Rayburn HOB.
Contact: for inquiries on the hearing, contact: 202.225.4527.

Friday, April 28, 2017

None.

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On The Floor This Week

Senate Floor:
Vote on the confirmation of Sonny Perdue to be Secretary of Agriculture
Vote on confirmation of Rod Rosenstein's as Deputy Attorney General

Consideration of Legislation Making Further Appropriations for FY 2017

House Floor:

H.R. 1695 – Register of Copyrights Selection and Accountability Act of 2017
H.R. 1694 – Fannie and Freddie Open Records Act of 2017

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Bills to Watch

FY 2017 APPROPRIATIONS

S.Con.Res 3 – FY 2017 Concurrent Budget Resolution (1/13/17 Passed by the House; 1/12/17 Passed by the Senate)

H.R.2028 - FY 2017 Further Continuing and Security Assistance Appropriations Act (12/9/16 Signed by President and Passed by the Senate; 12/18/16 Passed by the House)

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