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Weekly Calendar

MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2015

Research Investment
Subject: MIT, The Information Technology & Innovation Foundation (ITIF), the Association of Public & Land-Grant Universities (APLU), and the Association of American Universities (AAU) will host an event to present MIT’s report, “The Future Postponed: Why Declining Investment in Basic Research Threatens a U.S. Innovation Deficit.”
Participants: Marc Kastner, professor of physics, MIT; Katrine Bosley, CEO, Editas Medicine; Karl Berggren, director, Nanostructures Laboratory, Research Laboratory of Electronics, MIT; Chris Kaiser, professor of biology, MIT; Ron Weiss, director, The Synthetic Biology Center, MIT; and Anne White, professor of nuclear engineering, MIT.
Time and Location: 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.; 1200 New York Ave, NW, Washington, DC.
Contact: RSVP here.

College Success for Men of Color
Subject: The Institute for Higher Education Policy (IHEP) and MDRC will host a webinar, “Building Evidence on College Success Strategies for Men of Color.”
Time: 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Contact: Register here.
TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2015

STEM Diversity
Subject: Discovery Communications will host an event, “Capitol Hill STEM Diversity Symposium.”
Participants: Debbie Berebichez, Outrageous Acts of Science, Science Channel; Judy Vredenburgh, president and CEO, Girls Inc; Leland Melvin, astronaut, Science Channel Panel of Advisors; and Debbie Jarvis, vice president, Corporate Citizenship & Social Responsibility, Pepco Holdings, Inc.
Time and Location: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.; 345 Cannon HOB.
Contact: Register here.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 2015

House LHHS Public Witness Hearing
Subject: The House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies (LHHS) will hold a public and outside witness hearing.
Time and Location: 8:30 a.m.; 2358-C Rayburn HOB.
Contact: For inquiries on the hearing, contact: 202.225.2771.

Higher Education Technology
Subject: New America will host an event, “Hands-On With Higher Ed Tech.”
Participants: Rachel Fishman, senior policy analyst, New America; William J. Ryan, executive director, Learn on Demand; Deb Adair, managing director and chief planning officer, Quality Matters; Paul Golisch, IT Administrator and Math Instructor, Paradise Valley Community College, Phoenix, AZ; Russ Little, Chief Innovation Officer, PAR Framework; Betty Frost, associate professor of math, Jackson State Community College, Jackson, TN; and Linda Pride, professor of math, Jackson State Community College, Jackson, TN.
Time and Location: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.; 1899 L Street, NW, Suite 400, Washington, DC.
Contact: Register here.

STEM Research Exhibition
Subject: The Coalition for National Science Funding (CNSF) will host an exhibition and reception, "Investments in STEM Research and Education: Fueling American Innovation."
Time and Location: 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.; B338-340 Rayburn HOB.
Contact: RSVP to casey.burnett@cu.edu.

THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 2015

House Higher Education and Workforce Training Subcommittee Hearing
Subject: The House Education and the Workforce Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training will hold a hearing, “Improving College Access for Low-Income and First-Generation Students.”
Time and Location: 10:00 a.m.; 2175 Rayburn HOB.
Contact: For inquiries on the hearing, contact: 202.225.4527.

House Science Committee Holds Markup to Reauthorize NASA
Subject: The House Science, Space and Technology Committee will hold a markup of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration Authorization Act for 2016 and 2017.
Time and Location: 11:00 a.m.; 2318 Rayburn HOB.
Contact: For inquiries about the markup call 202.225.6371.

NSB Subcommittee Teleconference
Subject: The National Science Board’s Subcommittee on Facilities will host a teleconference.
Time: 5:00 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.
Contact: For inquiries about the teleconference, contact Elise Lipkowitz at elipkowi@nsf.gov.
FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2015

None.

On The Floor This Week

Senate Floor:
H.R. 1191 – Protecting Volunteer Firefighters and Emergency Responders Act

House Floor:
H.R. 2029 – Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act, 2016
Possible Consideration of the Conference Report to S.Con.Res. 11 – FY2016 Budget
Possible Consideration of H.R. 1732 – Regulatory Integrity Protection Act of 2015

Bills to Watch

EDUCATION SCIENCES REFORM ACT (ESRA)
S. 227 Sponsor: Sen. Lamar Alexander (R-TN)
Strengthening Education through Research Act (02/04/2015 Passed HELP Committee and moved to the Senate Legislative Calendar)

AMERICA COMPETES ACT
H.R. 1806 Sponsor: Rep. Lamar Smith (R-TX)
America COMPETES Reauthorization Act of 2015 (04/22/2015 Passed the Science, Space and Technology Committee)

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

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U.S. Senate 2015 Schedule
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U.S. House Committee on Education and Labor
U.S. Senate Budget Committee
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