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MONDAY, APRIL 28, 2014

Innovation Showcase

Subject: The American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) will host the ASME Innovation Showcase (IShow) for top collegiate teams to compete for access to $50K in seed money to further develop their product.

Time and Location: 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.; The Newseum, 555 Pennsylvania Ave, N.W., Knight Conference Center, Washington, D.C.

Contact: Register at: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/8th-annual-asme-innovation-showcase-tickets-10574479553?discount=ASMEVIP and for more information contact Patti Ho Snyder at snynderp@asme.org.

High-Performance Computing

Subject: The House Science and National Labs Caucus, the University of Illinois and the National Center for Supercomputing Applications will host an event, “The Value of High-Performing Computing: First Anniversary of the NCSA’s Blue Waters Supercomputer.”

Participants: Klaus Schulten, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; Patrick Reed, Cornell University; Beverly Sanders, University of Florida; Richard Arthur, General Electric Company Research; and John Sarrao, Los Alamos National Laboratory.

Time and Location: 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.; 2325 Rayburn HOB.

Contact: RSVP to barbaraj@ncsa.illinois.edu.
TUESDAY, APRIL 29, 2014

Hearing on the President’s FY 15 Education Budget

Subject: The House Education & the Workforce Committee will hold a hearing titled, “Reviewing the President’s Fiscal Year 2015 Budget Proposal for the Department of Education.”

Witness: Arne Duncan, Secretary of Education.

Time and Location: 10:00 a.m.; 2175 Rayburn HOB.

Contact: For inquiries about the hearing call 202.225.4527.

Senate Appropriations Hearing on Innovation

Subject: The Senate Committee on Appropriations will hold a hearing titled, “Driving Innovation through Federal Investments.”

Witnesses: John P. Holdren, Ph.D., Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy; Ernest Moniz, Ph.D., Secretary, Department of Energy; Francis S. Collins, M.D., Ph.D., Director, National Institutes of Health; France A. Córdova, Ph.D., Director, National Science Foundation; and Arati Prabhakar, Ph.D., Director, Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, Department of Defense.

Time and Location: 2:30 p.m.; SD-G50 Dirksen SOB.

Contact: For inquiries about the hearing call 202.224.7363.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30, 2014

NSF Advisory Committee Meeting

Subject: The National Science Foundation’s (NSF) Education and Human Resources (EHR) Advisory Committee will hold a meeting to discuss the work being done by the EHR’s subcommittees on Broadening Participation Building, STEM Learning and Learning Environments and STEM Workforce Development.

Time and Location: 8:30 a.m.; NSF, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA.

Contact: To RSVP contact Teresa Caravelli at ehr_ac@nsf.gov.

Technology in Higher Education

Subject: The New America Foundation will host an event, “Hacking the University: Will Tech Fix Higher Education?” to discuss the promises and disappointments of technology in higher education, especially with regard to Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs).

Participants: Kevin Carey, Director, Education Policy Program, New America Foundation; Robert Wright, Senior Future Tense Fellow, New America Foundation; Adrian Sannier, Chief Academic Officer, Arizona State University Online; Robin Goldberg, Chief Marketing Officer, Minerva Project; Jeffrey Selingo, Contributing Editor, The Chronicle of Higher Education; Bryan Caplan, Professor of Economics, George Mason University; Amy Laitinen, Deputy Director, Education Policy Program, New America Foundation; Michael Gibson, Vice President for Grants, Thiel Foundation; Leng Lee, Head of Operations, Codecademy; Greg Ratliff, Senior Program Officer, Postsecondary Success Program, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation; Hal Plotkin, Senior Policy Advisor, Office of the Under Secretary of Education, Department of Education; Naomi Davidson, Education Partnerships, Higher Education, Khan Academy; and Tammy Wincup, Chief Operating Officer, Everfi

Time and Location: 8:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.; 1899 L Street, NW, Suite 400, Washington, DC.

Contact: RSVP at: http://newamerica.org/events/2014/hacking_the_university.

House CJS Appropriations Mark-up of FY 15 Spending Measure

Subject: The House Commerce, Justice, Science Appropriations Subcommittee will mark up its FY2015 appropriations bill.

Time and Location: 9:30 a.m.; H-140 The Capitol.


Senate Appropriations Hearing on the President’s FY 15 Education Budget
Subject: The Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies will hold a hearing on the President’s FY15 Department of Education Budget.

Participant: Arne Duncan, Secretary of Education, Department of Education.

Time and Location: 10:00 a.m.; 192 Dirksen SOB.

Contact: For inquiries about the hearing call 202.224.7363.

Costs and Benefits of Higher Education

Subject: The Cato Institute will hold a forum, “Is College Worth It?” to discuss the necessity, benefits and purposes of higher education.

Participants: Bryan Caplan, Professor of Economics, George Mason University and Adjunct Scholar, Cato Institute; Beth Akers, Fellow, Brown Center on Education Policy, Brookings Institution; Neal McCluskey, Associate Director, Center for Educational Freedom, Cato Institute; and Chip Bishop, Director of Student Programs, Cato Institute.

Time and Location: 6:00 p.m.; Cato Institute, 1000 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, DC.

Contact: To RSVP please email events@cato.org.

THURSDAY, MAY 1, 2014

Government in Education

Subject: Results for America will host an event, “What Next Steps are Required for Government to Play Moneyball.”

Participants: Wendy Spencer, CEO, Corporation for National Community Service; Demetra Nightingale, Chief Evaluation Officer, U.S. Department of Labor; Robert Slavin, Chairman, Success for All Foundation; Kevin Madden, Senior Republican Strategist; Jeff Jablow, Senior Vice President, Strategy & Operations, City Year; and Michele Jolin, Managing Partner, Results for America/America Achieves.

Time and Location: 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.; 562 Dirksen SOB.

Contact: To RSVP, contact Alexandra.uriarte@americaachieves.org.

STEM Workforce

Subject: The National Science Foundation (NSF) will host a panel presentation and discussion on “Growing the STEM Workforce of Tomorrow.”

Participants: Suzanne Berger, Raphael Dorman-Helen Starbuck Professor of Political Science, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Making in America; Jonathan Rothwell, Senior Research Associate, Metropolitan Policy Program, Brookings Institution, Where are the STEM Jobs?; and Patrick Kyllonen, Center for Academic and Workforce Readiness and Success, Educational Testing Service, Educating for Work and Life.

Time and Location: 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.; NSF, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Conference Room 375, Arlington, VA.

Contact: RSVP to hvasaly@nsf.gov.

FRIDAY, MAY 2, 2014

NONE.

On The Floor This Week

Senate Floor:

Votes on Nominations

House Floor:
H.R. 4486 – Military Construction and Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2015
H.R. 4487 – Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2015

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)

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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