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This Week in Washington, a weekly publication of WPLLC, provides an overview of upcoming events in Washington D.C. that are relevant to CUR’s interests. Please use the bookmarks below to navigate to your area of interest.

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**Weekly Calendar**

**MONDAY, MAY 12, 2014**

NONE.

**TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2014**

**Budget Response**

**Subject:** The Committee for Education Funding will host an event to release their annual Education Budget Response.

**Time and Location:** 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.; HVC-215, Capitol Visitor Center.

**Contact:** RSVP at [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1KBoT9RiLltx6H_Sc-P6SpGkrZAFB9WjdZZA3ZwSes/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1KBoT9RiLltx6H_Sc-P6SpGkrZAFB9WjdZZA3ZwSes/viewform).

**Senate HELP Committee Hearing on Minority Serving Institutions**

**Subject:** The Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) will hold a hearing titled, “Strengthening Minority Serving Institutions: Best Practices and Innovations for Student Success.”

**Witnesses:** Dr. Marybeth Gasman, Professor of Higher Education and Director of the Center for Minority-Serving Institutions; University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA; Dr. Michael L. Lomax, President and CEO, United Negro College Fund; Eloy Ortiz Oakley, President, Long Beach City College, Long Beach, CA; Dr. D. Jason DeSousa, Assistant Vice Chancellor of Student
Retention, Fayetteville State University, Fayetteville, NC; and Dr. John Bassett, President, Heritage University, Toppenish, WA.

**Time and Location:** 10:00 a.m.; 430 Dirksen SOB.

**Contact:** For inquiries about the hearing call 202.224.5357.

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**Senate Budget Hearing on Economic Opportunity**

**Subject:** The Senate Budget Committee will hold a hearing titled, “Expanding Economic Opportunity for Women and Families.”

**Witnesses:** Dr. Heather Boushey, Executive Director and Chief Economist, Washington Center for Equitable Growth, Senior Fellow, Center for American Progress; Ann Marie Duchon, Associate Director of Accommodation Services, University of Massachusetts-Amherst; and Sabrina Schaeffer, Executive Director, Independent Women's Forum.

**Time and Location:** 10:30 a.m.; 608 Dirksen SOB.

**Contact:** For inquiries about the hearing call 202.224.0642.

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**WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 2014**

### STEM Science Centers

**Subject:** STEMconneter and the Association of Science-Technology Centers (ASTC) will host a webinar, “Science Centers: Powering STEM Learning Town Hall Google+ Hangout,” to discuss the role of science centers and museums in today’s world.

**Participants:** Anthony "Bud" Rock, President and CEO, ASTC; Matt Fleury, President and CEO, Connecticut Science Center; David E. Chesebrough, President and CEO, COSI; Joanna Haas, Executive Director, Kentucky Science Center; Paul Fontaine, Vice President of Education, Museum of Science, Boston; Emlyn Koster, Director, North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences; and Bryce Seidl, President and CEO, Pacific Science Center.

**Time:** 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

**Contact:** To register, go to:
https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07e98ocj3y2dda5baa&c=701770d0-ac37-11e3-b32a-d4ae52a2cb52&ch=70f3a000-ac37-11e3-b388-d4ae52a2cb52.

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### Postsecondary Access

**Subject:** The American Youth Policy Forum (AYPF) will host a webinar, “Reaching Postsecondary Success: Pathways for Youth in Transition from Foster Care.”

**Participants:** Michael Leach, Director of Independent Living, Tennessee Department of Children's Services; Mary Jo Sekelsky, Ed.D., Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, University of Michigan-Flint; and Gabriella G., student, University of Michigan-Flint.

**Time:** 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**Contact:** Register at: https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/966245441.

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### Senate Hearing on College Athletes

**Subject:** The Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation will hold a hearing titled, “Promoting the Well-Being and Academic Success of College Athletes.”

**Time and Location:** 2:30 p.m.; 253 Russell SOB.

**Contact:** For inquiries about the hearing call 202.224.8374.

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### College, Career, and Civic Readiness

**Subject:** The National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) will host a webinar on “Career and Technical Education (CTE) and College, Career, and Civic Readiness: The Role of State Boards.”

**Participants:** Kim Green, National Association of State Directors of Career Technical Education; and Kenneth Mason, Georgia Board Member.

**Time:** 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Contact:** Register at: http://www.nasbe.org/webinar/cte-and-college-career-and-civic-readiness-the-role-of-state-boards/.
THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2014
National Science Foundation Meeting

Subject: The National Science Foundation (NSF) will hold a public meeting of the Advisory Committee for Computer and Information Science and Engineering from May 15th – 16th.

Time and Location: 12:30 p.m.; NSF, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 1235, Arlington, VA.

Contact: RSVP to Carmen Whitson at cwhitson@nsf.gov and view the full agenda at: http://www.nsf.gov/attachments/131078/public/CISE_AC_Meeting_Agenda_May_2014_External_Finalcopy.pdf.

FRIDAY, MAY 16, 2014
NONE.

On The Floor This Week

Senate Floor:

House Floor:
House is in recess until May 19.

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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