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MONDAY, MAY 20, 2013
NSF Advisory Committee Meeting
Subject: The National Science Foundation holds a meeting of the Advisory Committee for Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences to provide advice and recommendations to the National Science Foundation on major goals and policies pertaining to Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences Directorate programs and activities (May 20-21).
Time and Location: 9:00 a.m., NSF, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Stafford I, Room 1235, Arlington, VA.
Contact: Lisa Jones, 703-292-8700.

Leveling the Education Playing Field
Subject: The Center for American Progress holds a discussion on "leveling the education playing field" by better access to quality pre-K, grade schools, colleges, and worker-training programs to build an educated, strong middle class and workforce prepared for the 21st century.
Participants: Senator Tim Kaine (D-VA); Neera Tanden, President, CAP; and Cecilia Rouse, Dean, Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University.
Time and Location: 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m., CAP, 1333 H Street, NW, 10th Floor, Washington, DC.
Contact: RSVP by calling 202-682-1611.

TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2013
Biometric Technologies
**Subject:** The House Science, Space and Technology Committee’s Research Subcommittee and Technology Subcommittee hold a joint hearing on "The Current and Future Applications of Biometric Technologies."

**Witnesses:** Charles Romine, Director, Information Technology Laboratory at the National Institute of Standards and Technology; Ramsey Billups, Board Member, International Biometrics and Identification Association; and Stephanie Schuckers, Director, Center for Identification Technology Research.

**Time and Location:** 10:00 a.m., 2318 Rayburn House Office Building.

**Contact:** 202-225-6371, science.house.gov.

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**Exploration to Mars**

**Subject:** The House Science, Space and Technology Committee’s Space Subcommittee holds a hearing on "Next Steps in Human Exploration to Mars and Beyond."

**Witnesses:** Louis Friedman, Co-lead, Keck Institut, Space Studies Asteroid Retrieval Mission Study and Executive Director Emeritus, The Planetary Society; Paul Spudis, Senior Staff Scientist, Lunar and Planetary Institute; Steven Squyres, Professor of Astronomy, Cornell University; and Douglas Cooke, Owner, Cooke Concepts and Solutions.

**Time and Location:** 2:00 p.m., 2318 Rayburn House Office Building.

**Contact:** 202-225-6371, science.house.gov.

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**The Underemployed Generation**

**Subject:** The *National Journal* holds a policy briefing on “The Underemployed Generation: Matching Skills to Jobs” to discuss the future of post-secondary education, solutions to America's "underemployment crisis", and ways to transform both our workforce and economy.

**Participants:** Fawn Johnson, Correspondent, *National Journal*; Jane Oates, Assistant Secretary of Employment and Training Administration, Department of Labor; Anthony P. Carnevale, PhD, Director and Research Professor, Center on Education and the Workforce, Georgetown University; Shaun McAlmont, President and CEO, Lincoln Educational Services; and Martha Ross, Fellow, Metropolitan Policy Program, Brookings Institution.

**Time and Location:** 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m., The Newseum, 3rd Floor, Knight Broadcast Studio, 555 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC.

**Contact:** RSVP at: [http://njunderemployed.eventbrite.com/](http://njunderemployed.eventbrite.com/).

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**Campus Safety and Security Reporting**

**Subject:** The Department of Education holds a public hearing to discuss the amended section 485(f) of the Higher Education Act, known as the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act (the Clery Act).

**Time and Location:** 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Department of Education, 1990 K Street, NW, Eighth Floor Conference Center, Washington, DC.


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**FY 2014 Education Budget**

**Subject:** The House Education and the Workforce Committee holds a hearing on "Reviewing the President's FY2014 Budget Proposal for the U.S. Department of Education."

**Witness:** Arne Duncan, Secretary of Education.

**Time and Location:** 10:00 a.m., 2175 Rayburn House Office Building.

**Contact:** [edworkforce.house.gov](http://edworkforce.house.gov).

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**The Next Generation University**

**Subject:** The New America Foundation holds an event titled, "The Next Generation University" to discuss the future of public higher education and the strategies and partnerships that support students and increase degree completion.

**Participants:** Jamie Merisotis, President and CEO, Lumina Foundation; Ron Brownstein, Editorial Director, *National Journal*; Mark Becker, President, Georgia State University; Jane Close Conoley, Interim Chancellor, University of California, Riverside; Michael Crow, President,
Arizona State University; John Hitt, President, University of Central Florida; Hilary Pennington, Director, The Generations Initiative; Jeff Selingo, Author, College (Un)bound; John Cavanaugh, President and CEO, Consortium of Universities of the Washington Metropolitan Area; Luis Proenza, President, The University of Akron; and Marguerite Roza, Research Associate Professor and Director, Edunomics Lab, Georgetown University.

**Time and Location:** 10:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., 1899 L Street, NW, Suite 400, Washington DC.

**Contact:** RSVP at: [http://newamerica.net/events/2013/next_generation_university](http://newamerica.net/events/2013/next_generation_university).

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 2013**

**STEM Workforce**

**Subject:** The Senate Small Business Committee holds a full committee meeting on "Roundtable - Bridging the Skills Gap: How the STEM Education Pipeline Can Develop a High-Skilled American Workforce for Small Business."

**Witnesses:** TBA.

**Time and Location:** 10:00 a.m., 428-A Russell Senate Office Building.

**Contact:** 202-224-5175, sbc.senate.gov.

**EPA Meeting**

**Subject:** The Environmental Protection Agency holds a meeting by teleconference of the National Environmental Education Advisory Council to discuss specific topics of relevance for consideration by the council in order to provide advice and insights to the Agency on environmental education.

**Time and Location:** 12:00 p.m.

**Contact:** Javier Araujo, 202-564-2642, araujo.javier@epa.gov.

**THURSDAY, MAY 23, 2013**

**Weather Forecasting**

**Subject:** The House Science, Space and Technology Committee's Environment Subcommittee holds a hearing on "Restoring U.S. Leadership in Weather Forecasting."

**Witnesses:** TBA.

**Time and Location:** 9:30 a.m., 2318 Rayburn House Office Building.

**Contact:** 202-225-6371, science.house.gov

**International Strategy and Global Competency**

**Subject:** The Department of Education's International Strategy and Global Competency office will discuss the importance of global competency skills, how these 21st century skills fit in with state Common Core standards, what role federal and state governments have in encouraging global mindedness, the need for internationalization of higher education institutions, and the necessity of foreign language learning.

**Participants:** Maureen McLaughlin, Senior Advisor and Director of International Affairs, Office of the Secretary, US Department of Education; Lois Adams-Rodgers, former Deputy Executive Director and Senior Advisor, Council of Chief State School Officers; Patti McGill Peterson, Presidential Advisor, Global Initiatives, Internationalization and Global Engagement, American Council on Education; Lisa Clarke, Teaching Ambassador Fellow, US Department of Education; Jasmeet Virk, Student, University of Washington; and Marianne Zape, Student, University of California at San Diego and Intern, International Affairs Office, US Department of Education.

**Time and Location:** 10:00 a.m., US Department of Education, Barnard Auditorium, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Washington DC.

**Contact:** To RSVP, please send your name, title, and organization to International.Affairs@ed.gov by Tuesday, May 21. Please put "RSVP MARCH 23" in the subject line of your message. You must bring a photo ID in order to enter the Department as a guest for the briefing.

**Strengthening Community Colleges**

**Subject:** The Century Foundation hosts an event on "Bridging the Higher Education Divide: Strengthening Community Colleges and Restoring the American Dream" to discuss the
importance of Community Colleges on the US economy, global competitiveness and social mobility and to release a report titled, “The Century Foundation Task Force on Preventing Community Colleges from Becoming Separate and Unequal”.

**Participants:** Martha Kanter, Under Secretary, U.S. Department of Education; Jonathan Alter, Bloomberg News; Anthony Marx, President, New York Public Library; Eduardo Padron, President, Miami-Dade College; Richard G. Kahlenberg, Senior Fellow, The Century Foundation; and Isaac Cameron, Former Student, Highline Community College and Amherst College graduate.

**Time and Location:** 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., The Newseum, Knight Conference Center, 555 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, 8th Floor, Washington, DC.


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**FRIDAY, MAY 24, 2013**

None.

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**On The Floor This Week**

**Senate**

- S.954, Agriculture Reform, Food, and Jobs Act of 2013 (The Farm Bill)

**House**

- H.R. 1911 – Making College More Expensive Act
- H.R. 3 – Northern Route Approval Act

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**Bills to Watch**

**FY2014 APPROPRIATIONS**

- **S.Con.Res. #** Sponsor: Sen. Patty Murray (D-WA)
  Setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2014 (3/14/13 passed by Senate Budget Committee)

  Establishing the budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2014 (3/13/13 passed by House Budget Committee)

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