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Weekly Calendar

Monday, May 22, 2017
NSF Budget Overview
Subject: The National Science Foundation (NSF) will hold an event, “Fiscal Year 2018 Budget Overview.”
Time and Location: 3:00 p.m.; NSF Headquarters, 4201 Wilson Blvd, Arlington, VA.
Contact: RSVP to budget_rollout@nsf.gov.

Tuesday, May 23, 2017
None.

Wednesday, May 24, 2017
House Budget Committee Hearing on the President’s FY2018 Budget
Subject: The House Committee on the Budget will hold a hearing to examine the President’s Fiscal Year 2018 Budget.
Witness: Mick Mulvaney, Director, Office of Management and Budget (OMB).
Time and Location: 9:30 a.m.; 1334 Longworth HOB.
Contact: for inquiries on the hearing, contact: 202.226.7270.

House Science, Space & Technology Subcommittee Hearing on Cost of Research
Subject: The House Science, Space & Technology Joint Subcommittees on Research and Technology and Oversight will hold a hearing, “Examining the Overhead Cost of Research.”
Witnesses: Dale Bell, division director, Institution and Award Support, National Science Foundation; John Neumann, director, Natural Resources and Environment, U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO); James Luther, associate vice president of finance and compliance officer, Duke University; and
Richard Vedder, distinguished professor of economics emeritus, Department of Economics, Ohio University.
**Time and Location:** 10:00 a.m.; 2318 Rayburn HOB.
**Contact:** for inquiries on the hearing contact: 202.225.6371.

**House Education and the Workforce Committee Hearing on Higher Education**
**Subject:** The House Committee on Education and the Workforce will hold a hearing, “Empowering Students and Families to make Informed Decisions on Higher Education.”
**Time and Location:** 10:30 a.m.; 2175 Rayburn HOB.
**Contact:** for inquiries on the hearing, contact: 202.225.4527.

**House Appropriations Subcommittee Hearing on the Department of Education Budget**
**Subject:** The House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies will hold a hearing to examine the FY 2018 Department of Education Budget.
**Witness:** Betsy DeVos, US Secretary of Education.
**Time and Location:** 11:00 a.m.; 2358-C Rayburn HOB.
**Contact:** for inquiries on the hearing, contact: 202.225.2771.

**Women and Student Debt**
**Subject:** The American Association of University Women (AAUW) will hold an event to launch the report, “Deeper in Debt: Women and Student Loans.” Discussion will focus on the effects of student debt on the economy and its disproportionate effects on women.
**Participants:** Kevin Miller, senior researcher, AAUW; Tressie McMillan Cottom, assistant professor of sociology, Virginia Commonwealth University; Sara Goldrick-Rab, professor of higher education policy and sociology, Temple University; Anne Hedgepeth, senior government relations manager, AAUW; Breana Ross, president, United States Student Association; and Jennifer Wange, DC office director, The Institute for College Access and Success.
**Time and Location:** 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.; New America, 740 15th Street, NW, Suite 900, Washington, DC.
**Contact:** [Register here](#).

**FY 2018 Budget Strategy Call**
**Subject:** The Coalition on Human Needs (CHN) will hold a strategy call to discuss President Trump’s budget proposal intended for national groups that work on federal budget and appropriations issues, including those working with budget coalitions focused on non-defense discretionary issues.
**Time:** 4:00 p.m.
**Contact:** Join the call at 844.224.7906; Conference ID 27704193.

**Thursday, May 25, 2017**
**President Trump’s Budget**
**Subject:** The Coalition on Human Needs will hold a webinar, “President Trump’s Budget and What’s Ahead in Congress: What Every Advocate Needs to Know.” Discussion is intended for state and local advocates to learn about the content of forthcoming budget proposals and discuss recommended messages and activities to use to help protect human needs programs as the federal budget debates progress.
**Participants:** Sharon Parrott, senior fellow and senior counselor, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities (CBPP); John Halpin, senior fellow, Center for American Progress (CAP); Deborah Weinstein, executive director, Coalition on Human Needs; and Ellen Teller, director of government affairs, Food Research and Action Center.
**Time:** 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
**Contact:** [Register here](#).

**Friday, May 26, 2017**
**Future of HBCUs**
**Subject:** The American Enterprise Institute (AEI) will hold an event, “Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) and the Road Ahead.” A panel will discuss the state of HBCUs, what higher education can learn from them, and opportunities and challenges that might await them in the future.
Participants: Gerard Robinson, resident fellow, AEI; Lezlie Baskerville, CEO, National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education; Michael L. Lomax, president and CEO, United Negro College Fund; Johnny C. Taylor Jr., president and CEO, Thurgood Marshall College Fund; and Beverly Wade Hogan, president, Tougaloo College.

Time and Location: 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.; AEI, 1789 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, DC. Contact: Register here.

Future Hearings and Events

Thursday, June 1, 2017
Adult Education as Key Component of Building Career Pathways
Participants: Alex Hughes, Nashville Chamber of Commerce; Reecie Stagnolia, Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education; Anson Green, Texas Workforce Commission; and Amanda Bergson-Chilcock, National Skills Coalition.
Time and Location: 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.; 236 Russell SOB. Contact: RSVP to Amanda Bergson-Shilcock at AmandaBS@NationalSkillsCoalition.org.

On The Floor This Week

Senate Floor:
Consideration of the nomination of Terry Branstad to be Ambassador to China. Consideration of the nomination of John Sullivan to be Deputy Secretary of State.

House Floor:
H.R. 1809 – Juvenile Justice Reform Act of 2017
H.R. 953 – Reducing Regulatory Burdens Act of 2017
H.R. 1973 – Protecting Young Victims from Sexual Abuse Act of 2017
H.R. 1761 – Protecting Against Child Exploitation Act of 2017

Bills to Watch

CARL D. PERKINS CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION ACT
H.R. 2353 Sponsor: Representative Glenn Thompson (R-PA)
Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act (5/17/17 Passed by Education & Workforce Committee)
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