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Monday, May 23, 2016
None.

Tuesday, May 24, 2016
FY 2017 House Appropriations Committee Mark Up of CJS Appropriations Bill
Subject: The House Appropriations Committee will mark up the FY 2017 Commerce, Justice, Science Appropriations bill.
Time and Location: 10:30 a.m.; 2359 Rayburn HOB.
Contact: For inquiries on the mark up, contact: 202.225.2771.

Education Polling Data
Subject: The Leadership Conference Education Fund will hold a webinar to discuss results of its "New Education Majority Poll" that will discuss ways to use data to advocate for educational equity. The poll explores aspirations and perspectives that Black and Latino parents and families have of their children’s education.
Time: 4:00 p.m.
Contact: Register here.

Wednesday, May 25, 2016
Cost of Attendance
Subject: New America will host an event, “More Than Tuition: Cost of Attendance and Today’s College Students.”
Participants: Kim Dancy, policy analyst, New America; Rachel Fishman, senior policy analyst, New America; Barbara Gault, vice president and executive director, Institute for Women’s Policy Research; and Jee Hang Lee, vice president for public policy and external relations, Association of Community College Trustees.

Time and Location: 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.; 740 15th Street, NW, Suite 900, Washington, DC.

Contact: Register here.

Engineering Education
Subject: The House Manufacturing Caucus and Maker Caucus will hold an event, “Pre-College Engineering Education.”
Participants: Said Jahanmir, ASME science and engineering policy fellow, Office of Congressman Tim Ryan (D-OH); James Brown, senior vice president, STEM Education Coalition; Chris Rogers, department chair and professor, Center for Engineering Education and Outreach, Tufts University; Susan Ipri Brown, director, Center for Exploratory Learning, Hope College; and Teresa Sappington, instructor, Lamar County Center for Technical Education, MS.

Time and Location: 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.; B-318 Rayburn HOB.

Contact: Register here.

Thursday, May 26, 2016
Presidential Forum on Education Issues
Subject: The Committee for Education Funding (CEF) will host a Presidential forum that will focus on the Presidential candidates’ policy platforms relating to education.
Participants: Ann O’Leary, senior policy advisor, Clinton Campaign; others confirmed but speakers TBD.

Time and Location: 9:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.; Newseum, 555 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC.

Contact: RSVP to ally@jbernsteinstrategy.com.

Apprenticeship Data
Subject: The National Skills Coalition and the Workforce Data Quality Campaign will hold a webinar, “The Value of Apprenticeship Data.”
Participants: Katie Spiker, federal policy analyst, National Skills Coalition; Dr. Pamela Howze, executive director of work based learning, Business and Veterans Services, North Carolina Department of Commerce; Betty McGrath, director of workforce research and evaluation, Labor and Economics Analysis Division, North Carolina Department of Commerce; and Deb Lindner, Human Resources Manager, Precor Incorporated.

Time: 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Contact: Register here.

Friday, May 27, 2016
None.

Future Hearings and Events
Wednesday, June 1, 2016
Associate Degrees
Subject: Gallup and USA Funds will host a webinar, “How Associate Degree Holders Value Their College Experience.”
Participants: Brandon Busteed, executive director, Education and Workforce Development, Gallup; Carol D’Amico, executive vice president, National Engagement and Philanthropy, USA Funds; and Mark Schneider, vice president and institute fellow, American Institutes for Research (AIR).

Time and Location: Contact: Register here.

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Senate Floor:
S.2613 – Adam Walsh Reauthorization Act of 2016

House Floor:
H.R. 5055 – FY 2017 Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act
H.R. 897 – Zika Vector Control Act
House Amendment to Senate Amendment to H.R. 2576 – TSCA Modernization Act of 2015
Motion to Go to Conference on S. 2012, and Possible Democratic Motion to Instruct Conferees

Bills to Watch

FY 2017 APPROPRIATIONS
S. 2837 Sponsor: Sen. Richard Shelby (R-AL)

H.R. # Sponsor: Rep. John Culberson (R-TX)

EDUCATION SCIENCES REFORM ACT (ESRA)
S. 227 Sponsor: Sen. Lamar Alexander (R-TN)
Strengthening Education through Research Act (12/17/15 Passed by Senate; 2/04/2015 Passed by HELP Committee)

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