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This Week in Washington, a weekly publication of WPLLC, provides an overview of upcoming events in Washington, D.C. affecting American education. Please use the bookmarks below to navigate to your area of interest.

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Monday, May 30, 2016
Federal Holiday – Memorial Day

Tuesday, May 31, 2016
None.

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.

Thursday, June 2, 2016
None.

Friday, June 3, 2016
None.
Future Hearings and Events

Monday, June 6, 2016

**STEM Degrees and Diverse Pathways**

**Subject:** The National Academies of Science will hold an event, “Barriers and Opportunities for 2-Year and 4-Year STEM Degrees: Systemic Change to Support Students’ Diverse Pathways.”

**Participants:** Lorelle Espinosa, assistant vice president, Center for Policy Research and Strategy, American Council on Education; Michael Feder, director, Battelle; Kevin Kinser, associate professor and senior researcher, University at Albany, State University of New York; William “Brit” Kirwain, chancellor University System of Maryland; Shirley Malcom, director, Education and Human Resources Programs, American Association for the Advancement of Science; Lindsey Malcom-Piqueux, research associate professor, University of Southern California; Emily Miller, Association of American Universities; Lynne Molter, professor, Swarthmore College; Susan Singer, director, Division of Undergraduate Education, National Science Foundation; Michelle Van Noy, associate director, Education and Employment Research Center, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey; and Mamie Voight, director of policy research, Institute for Higher Education Policy.

**Time and Location:** 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.; 2101 Constitution Avenue, NW, NAS Building, Lecture Room, Washington, DC.

**Contact:** [Register here](#).

**HEA Reauthorization for Community Colleges**

**Subject:** The American Association of Community Colleges and Salt Lake Community College will hold a briefing, “Higher Education Act Reauthorization: New Policies for Changing Community Colleges.”

**Participants:** Karen Bowyer, president, Dyersburg State Community College, TN; Charlene Dukes, president, Prince George’s Community College (MD); Deneece Huftalin, president, Salt Lake Community College; Nancy McCallin, president, Colorado Community College System; and Dan Phelan, president, Jackson College (MI).

**Time and Location:** 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.; HVC 201 A&B.

**Contact:** RSVP to lpquarles@aac.nche.edu.

Tuesday, June 7, 2016

**The Innovator Pipeline**

**Subject:** The Senate Competitiveness Caucus, the American Chemical Society and American Physical Society will hold an event, “Strengthening the Innovator Pipeline.” The event will highlight the importance of increasing the number of qualified science teachers in K-12 education, diversifying the STEM workforce, expanding research experiences for undergraduates and boosting federal science funding for graduate research projects.

**Participants:** Senator Chris Coons (D-DE); Dr. Zachary Keane, staff physicist, Northrop Grumman Corp; Dr. Piali De, Co-founder and CEO, Senscio Systems; and Dr. John Gavenonis, global technology manager, DuPont Science & Innovation.

**Time and Location:** 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.; 902 Hart SOB.

**Contact:** [Register here](#).

**Interview with Senator McConnell**

**Subject:** The American Enterprise Institute (AEI) will hold an event to interview Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) and discuss his new book, *The Long Game: A Memoir.*

**Participants:** Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell; Arthur C. Brooks, president, AEI; and Matt Lewis, senior contributor, The Daily Caller.

**Time and Location:** 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.; 1150 17th Street, NW, 12th Floor, Washington, DC.

**Contact:** [Register here](#).

Wednesday, June 8, 2016

**Tolerance on College Campuses**
**Subject:** The American Enterprise Institute (AEI) will hold an event, “The Close-Minded Campus? The Stifling of Ideas in American Universities.”

**Participants:** Frederick M. Hess, resident scholar, AEI; Ramesh Ponnuru, visiting fellow, AEI; Joshua Dunn, associate professor, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, CO; Jon Shields, assistant professor, Claremont McKenna College; Christina Hoff Sommers, resident scholar, AEI; and Steven Teles, associate professor, John Hopkins University.

**Time and Location:** 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.; 1150 17th Street, NW, 12th Floor, Washington, DC.

**Contact:** Register here.

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**On The Floor This Week**

**Senate Floor:**
The Senate is in Recess until June 6.

**House Floor:**
The House is in Recess until June 7.

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**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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**Links for Up-to-Date Information on Hearings, Legislation, and Events**

- U.S. House of Representatives 2016 Schedule
- U.S. Senate 2016 Schedule
- U.S. Department of Education
- U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions
- U.S. House Committee on Education and the Workforce
- U.S. Senate Budget Committee
- U.S. House Budget Committee
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