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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
Participants: Karen Bower, 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 lquarles@aacc.nche.edu, and more information may be found here.

**Tuesday, June 7, 2016**

**Senate FY 2017 LHHS-ED Appropriations Subcommittee Mark Up**

**Subject:** The Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies will hold a markup of the Labor, Health and Human Services, Education (LHHS-ED) and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2017.

**Time and Location:** 10:30 a.m.; 138 Dirksen SOB.

**Contact:** For inquiries on the markup, contact: 202.224.7257. The webcast will be audio only.

**The Innovator Pipeline**

**Subject:** The Senate Competitiveness Caucus, the American Chemical Society and the 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.; AEI, 1150 17th Street, NW, 12th Floor, Washington, DC.

**Contact:** Register here.

**Wednesday, June 8, 2016**

**Broadening Participation in Science & Engineering**

**Subject:** The National Science Foundation (NSF) will hold a meeting June 8-9 of the Committee on Equal Opportunities in Science and Engineering to study data, programs, policies, and other information pertinent to the NSF and to provide advice and recommendations concerning broadening participation in science and engineering.

**Time and Location:** June 8: 1:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. and June 9: 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.; NSF, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Conference Room 1235, Arlington, VA.

**Contact:** Bernice Anderson at banderson@nsf.gov or 703.292.8040.

**Implications of 2016 Election**

**Subject:** New America will hold an event, “Imagining President Trump: The Policy Implications of the 2016 Election.”

**Participants:** David Gray, senior fellow, New America; Dana Milbank, columnist, Washington Post; Norman Ornstein, resident scholar, American Enterprise Institute; Indira Lakshmanan, columnist and editorial writer, The Boston Globe; Lara Brown, associate professor and program director, Graduate School of Political Management, George Washington University; Matthew Continetti, editor in chief, Washington Free Beacon; and Mark Schmitt, director, Political Reform Program, New America.

**Time and Location:** 1:30 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.; 740 15th Street, NW, Suite 900, Washington, DC.

**Contact:** Register here.

**Disparities in Education**
**Subject:** The Brookings Institution will hold an event, “Bringing Education Disparities to the Forefront of the Political Debate.”

**Participants:** Michael Hansen, senior fellow and deputy director, Brown Center on Education Policy, The Brookings Institution; Alia Wong, associate editor, *The Atlantic*; DeRay Mckesson, political activist and organizer, Black Lives Matter; Peggy McLeod, deputy vice president, Education and Workforce Development, National Council of La Raza (NCLR); and Gerard Robinson, resident fellow, American Enterprise Institute (AEI).

**Time and Location:** 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.; Brookings Institution, 1775 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Falk Auditorium, Washington, DC.

**Contact:** Register here.

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**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, CO; Jon Shields, assistant professor, Claremont McKenna College, CA; 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.; AEI, 1150 17th Street, NW, 12th Floor, Washington, DC.

**Contact:** Register here.

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**Thursday, June 9, 2016**

**Budget Hearing on Unauthorized Programs**

**Subject:** The House Budget Committee will hold a hearing on “Congressional Budgeting: The Need to Control Automatic Spending and Unauthorized Programs.”

**Witnesses:** David M. Walker, former Comptroller General of the United States; Stuart M. Butler, Ph.D., senior fellow, Economic Studies; The Brookings Institution; and Lily Batchelder, professor of law and public policy, NYU School of Law.

**Time and Place:** 9:30 a.m.; 210 Cannon HOB.

Contact: For inquiries on the hearing, contact: 202.226.7270.

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**FY 2017 LHHS-ED Senate Appropriations Committee Mark Up**

**Subject:** The Senate Appropriations Committee will hold a markup of the Labor, Health and Human Services, Education (LHHS-ED) and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2017.

**Time and Location:** 10:30 a.m.; 106 Dirksen SOB.

**Contact:** For inquiries on the markup, contact: 202.224.7257. The webcast will be audio only.

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**Friday, June 10, 2016**

None.

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**Future Hearings and Events**

**Thursday, June 16, 2016**

**Technology and Engineering Literacy**

**Subject:** The National Assessment Governing Board (NAGB) and the National Center for Technological Literacy will hold an event regarding the first ever “Nation’s Report Card: Technology and Engineering Literacy.”

**Participants:** Representative Joe Kennedy (D-MA); Representative Paul Tonko (D-NY); Nate Ball, mechanical engineer, TV Host, and entrepreneur; Bill Bushaw, executive director, NAGB; Peggy Carr, acting commissioner, National Center for Education Statistics; Ioannis Miaoulis, president and director, Museum of Science, Boston, MA; Tonya Miles, member, NAGB; and Claus von Zastrow, chief operating officer and director of research, Change the Equation.

**Time and Location:** 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.; B339 Rayburn HOB.

**Contact:** Register here.
On The Floor This Week

Senate Floor:
S.2943 – National Defense Authorization Act

House Floor:
H.R. 4775 – Ozone Standards Implementation Act of 2016
H.R. 5325 – FY 2017 Legislative Branch Appropriations Act
H.R. 5278 – Puerto Rico Oversight, Management, and Economic Stability Act (PROMESA)
H.Con.Res. 89 – Expressing the sense of Congress that a carbon tax would be detrimental to the United States economy
H.Con.Res. 112 – Expressing the sense of Congress opposing the President's proposed $10 tax on every barrel of oil

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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