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Monday, June 13, 2016
Restructuring Student Loans
Subject: Education Policy Initiative will hold a conference, “Restructuring Student Loans: Lessons from Abroad.”
Participants: Nicholas Barr, fellow, Royal Society of Arts; Lorraine Dearden, professor of economics and social statistics, University College London; Bruce Chapman, director of policy impact, Crawford School of Public Policy, Australian National University; Christina Forsberg, acting director general, CSN; Achim Meyer auf der Heyde, secretary general, German National Association for Student Affairs; Matthew Chingos, senior fellow, Urban Institute; Rohit Chopra, special advisor, U.S. Department of Education; Jason Delisle, director, Federal Education Budget Project, New America; Susan Dynarski, professor of public policy, education and economics, University of Michigan; and Kevin James, director of higher education programs, Jain Family Institute.
Time and Location: 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.; 2168 Rayburn HOB.
Contact: Register here.

Tuesday, June 14, 2016
None.

Wednesday, June 15, 2016
Innovation Matters
Subject: National Science Foundation, U.S. Patent & Trademark Office, IEEE-USA, in coordination with the Congressional Caucus on Intellectual Property Promotion and Piracy Prevention, Congressional STEAM Caucus and Congressional Maker Caucus will host a moderated discussion on innovation.
Participants: Chris Katopis, executive director, LESI; Dr. Mary Frecker, professor, mechanical and biomedical engineering, Pennslyvania State University; Dr. Angelique Johnson, CEO, MEMStim; Dr. Emanuel Sachs, professor of mechanical engineering, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Dr. Pramod Khargonekar, assistant director for NSF’s Engineering Directorate; Mark Miano, executive editor, NBC Learn.

Time and Location: 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.; 22253 Rayburn HOB.

Contact: Register here.

Thursday, June 16, 2016

Race Gaps in Postsecondary Education

Subject: The Lumina Foundation will host an event, “Race Gaps in Higher Education Completion: What do Data Say?”

Participants: Patrese Atine, government and legislative affairs associate, Navajo Nation, Washington Office; Barbara Gault, vice president and executive director, Institute for Women’s Policy Research; Andrew Nichols, director of higher education research and data analysis, The Education Trust; and Deborah Santiago, vice president for policy, Excelencia in Education

Time and Location: 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.; CVC Congressional Auditorium.

Contact: Register here.

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.

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None.

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None scheduled at this time.

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S.2943 – National Defense Authorization Act
H.R.2578 – Commerce, Justice, Science Appropriations Act

House Floor:
H.R.5053 – Preventing IRS Abuse and Protecting Free Speech Act
H.R.5293 – Department of Defense Appropriations Act of 2017

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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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