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Weekly Calendar

MONDAY, JUNE 23, 2014
Higher Education for African Americans
Subject: The Education Testing Services (ETS) and the Children’s Defense Fund (CDF) will host a symposium, “Advancing Success for Black Men in College.”
Participants: Benjamin Castleman, Professor, University of Virginia; Michael Lawrence Collins, Associate Vice President, Postsecondary State Policy; Marian Wright Edelman, Founder and President, CDF; Michael Nettles, Senior Vice President, ETS; Darren Walker, President, Ford Foundation; and Zakiya Smith, Strategy Director, Lumina Foundation.
Time and Location: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.; National Press Club, 529 14th Street, NW, 13th Floor, Washington, DC.
Contact: Register at: http://www.ets.org/s/achievement_gap/conferences/success_black_men_college/overview.html.

TUESDAY, JUNE 24, 2014
Senate Finance Committee Hearing on Student Debt and Taxes
Subject: The Senate Committee on Finance will hold a hearing, “Less Student Debt from the Start: What Role Should the Tax System Play?”
Witnesses: Mark J. Mazur, Assistant Secretary for Tax Policy, United States Department of the Treasury; Jayne Caflin Fonash, Director of School Counseling, Loudon Academy of Science;
Scott A. Hodge, President, Tax Foundation; Amber Lee, Graduate, Willamette High School; and Dean Zerbe, National Managing Director, alliantgroup.

**Time and Location:** 10:00 a.m.; 215 Dirksen SOB.

**Contact:** For inquiries about the hearing contact: 202.224.4515.

**Higher Education Tax Breaks**

**Subject:** The New America Foundation will host an event, “A Shared Agenda for Reform: Making Higher Education Tax Breaks Work for Students and Families.”

**Participants:** Rachel Fishman, Policy Analyst, New America’s Education Policy Program; Lily Batchelder, Deputy Director, National Economic Council; Michael Dannenberg, Director of Higher Education and Education Finance Policy, The Education Trust; Steve Holt, Principal, HoltSolutions; Rory Sullivan, Deputy Director, Young Invincibles; Stephen Burd, Senior Policy Analyst, New America; and Libby Nelson, Education Reporter, Vox.

**Time and Location:** 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.; New America Foundation, 1899 L Street NW, Suite 400, Washington, D.C.

**Contact:** RSVP at: [http://www.newamerica.net/events/2014/a_shared_agenda_for_reform.](http://www.newamerica.net/events/2014/a_shared_agenda_for_reform.)

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25, 2014**

**Student Loans**

**Subject:** The American Enterprise Institute (AEI) will host an event, “Puncturing the Student Loan Bubble.”

**Participants:** Matthew Chingos, Fellow, Brookings Institute; Jason Delisle, Director of the Federal Education Budget Project, New America Foundation; Andrew P. Kelly, Director of the Center on Higher Education Reform, AEI; Richard Vedder, Professor, Ohio University; and Alex J. Pollock, Resident Fellow, AEI.

**Time and Location:** 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.; AEI, 1150 17th Street, NW, 12th Floor, Washington, DC.


**Senate Banking Committee Hearing on Student Debt**

**Subject:** The Senate Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs’ Subcommittee on Economic Policy will hold a hearing, “Dreams Deferred: Young Workers and Recent Graduates in the U.S. Economy.”

**Witnesses:** Emma Kallaway, Executive Director, Oregon Student Association; Rory O’Sullivan, Deputy Director, Young Invincibles; Dr. Heidi Shierholz, Economist, Economic Policy Institute; Dr. Keith Hall, Senior Research Fellow, Mercatus Center at George Mason University.

**Time and Location:** 2:30 p.m.; 538 Dirksen SOB.

**Contact:** For inquiries on the hearing, contact: 202.224.7391.

**THURSDAY, JUNE 26, 2014**

**Predictors of Post-Secondary Success**

**Subject:** The College and Career Readiness Center at the American Institute of Research (AIR) will host a webinar, “Predictors of Postsecondary Success: Understanding the Value of Workplace Data.”

**Participants:** Rachel Zinn, Director, Workforce Data Quality Campaign; Josh Hawley, Director of the Ohio Education Research Center; and Bill Hurwitch, Director, Statewide Longitudinal Data System, Maine Department of Education.

**Time:** 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

**Contact:** Register at: [https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/926256112](https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/926256112).

**FRIDAY, JUNE 27, 2014**

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On The Floor This Week

Senate Floor:
H.R. 803—The Workforce Investment Act (possibly). See the HELP Committee Press Release at; http://www.help.senate.gov/newsroom/press/release/?id=d3a516bf-c16d-4cbbc-89c7-fe3d94f26c9&groups=Chair

House Floor:
H.R. 6—Domestic Prosperity and Global Freedom Act
H.R. 3301—North American Infrastructure Act
H.R. 4413—Customer Protection and End User Relief Act
H.R. 4899—Lowering Gasoline Prices to Fuel an American That Works Act

Bills to Watch

ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ACT (ESEA)

S. 1094  Sponsor: Sen. Tom Harkin (D-IA)
Strengthening American Schools Act of 2013 to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (6/12/13 passed by Senate HELP Committee)

Student Success Act to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (6/19/13 passed by House Ed and Workforce Committee)

WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT (WIA)

H.R. 803  Sponsors: Sens. Tom Harkin (D-IA); Patty Murray (D-WA), Lamar Alexander (R-TN); Johnny Isakson (R-GA)
Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (bipartisan, bicameral agreement) – Amendment in the nature of a substitute (5/20/14 introduced)

H.R. 803  Sponsor: Rep. Virginia Foxx (R-NC)
Supporting Knowledge and Investing in Lifelong Skills Act (3/15/13 passed by House; 3/6/13 passed by House Education and the Workforce Committee)

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

U.S. House of Representatives 2013 Schedule:
http://majorityleader.gov/calendar/113thCongressFirstSession.pdf

U.S. Senate 2013 Schedule:
http://www.senate.gov/pagelayout/legislative/one_item_and_teasers/2013_schedule.htm


U.S. Senate Budget Committee: http://www.budget.senate.gov
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