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**Weekly Calendar**

**Monday, July 6, 2015**
None.

**Tuesday, July 7, 2015**

**2015 AAAS-Hitachi Lecture on Science and Society**
**Subject:** The American Association for the Advancement of Science and Hitachi Ltd. will hold its annual lecture on Science and Society
**Participants:** Dr. S. James Gates Jr, professor, department of physics, University of Maryland.
**Time:** 5:00
**Contact:** Register here.

**Wednesday, July 8, 2015**

**Academic Resilience**
**Subject:** The American Institutes for Research (AIR) will hold a webinar, “Socioeconomically Disadvantaged Students Who Are Academically Successful: Examining Academic Resilience Cross-Nationally.”
Participants: Ebru Erberber, senior researcher, AIR; Maria Stephens, senior researcher, AIR; and Sean McComb, 2014 National Teacher of the Year.
Time: 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Contact: Register here.

THURSDAY, JULY 9, 2015
Manufacturing Education through Community College
Subject: The Brookings Institution will host an event, “Preparing the Next Generation of Manufacturers through Community Colleges.”
Participants: Congressman David Cicilline (D-RI); Darrell M. West, vice president and director, governance studies, Brookings Institution; DeRionne Pollard, president, Montgomery College; V. Celeste Carter, program director, division of undergraduate education, National Science Foundation; Patricia Cohen, reporter, The New York Times; Amy Cell, consultant, Community Ventures; Walter Siegenthaler, executive vice president, Max Daetwyler Corporation; John White, president, Taco, inc.; Goldie Blumenstyk, senior writer, Chronicle of Higher Education; Thomas Bailey, director, Community College Research Center, Columbia University; John Colborn, director, Skills for America’s Future, Aspen Institute; and Adela Soliz, fellow, Brown Center on Education Policy, The Brookings Institution.
Time and Location: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.; 1775 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, DC.
Contact: Register here.

FRIDAY, JULY 10, 2015
Congressional Luncheon Briefing for Breakthrough Scientific Ingenuity
Subject: The American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering will host a congressional lunch briefing to discuss breakthrough scientific ingenuity.
Time: 12:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.; B338 Rayburn HOB.
Contact: RSVP to smandell@aimbe.org.

Future Hearings and Events

Wednesday, July 15, 2015
Impacts of Student Borrowing
Subject: New America will hold an event, “The Real College Debt Crisis: How Student Borrowing Erodes the American Dream.”
Participants: Kevin Carey, director, education policy program, New America; Danielle Douglas-Gabriel, reporter, The Washington Post; William Elliott, III, co-author, The Real College Debt Crisis: How Student Borrowing Threatens Financial Well-Being and Erodes the American Dream; Mark Huelsman, senior policy analyst, Demos; Justin King, policy director, Asset Building Program, New America; and Melinda Lewis, co-author, The Real College Debt Crisis: How Student Borrowing Threatens Financial Well-Being and Erodes the American Dream.
Time and Location: 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.; 1899 L Street, NW, Suite 400, Washington, DC.
Contact: Register here.

Thursday, July 16, 2015
Address by Chairman Lamar Alexander on Higher Education
Subject: Senator Lamar Alexander (R-TN), Chairman of the Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee will deliver a key note address on higher education reform, followed by a discussion addressing the opportunities for obstacles to change.
Participants: Sen. Lamar Alexander (R-TN); Judith S. Eaton, Council for Higher Education Accreditation; Kevin J. James, American Enterprise Institute (AEI); Andrew P. Kelly, AEI; Ben
On The Floor This Week

Senate Floor:
S.1177 – Every Child Achieves Act of 2015

House Floor:
H.R.5 – Student Success Act
H.R.1531 – Land Management Workforce Flexibility Act
H.R.2647 – Resilient Federal Forests Act
H.R.6 – 21st Century Cures Act

Bills to Watch

APPROPRIATIONS

H.R.2578 Sponsor: Rep. John Culberson (R-TX)

S. # Sponsor: Sen. Richard Shelby (R-AL)

H.R.2822 Sponsor: Rep. Ken Calvert (R-CA)

S. 1645 Sponsor: Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-AK)

H.R. # Sponsor: Rep. Tom Cole (R-OK)
Labor, Health and Human Services and Education Appropriations Act of FY 2016
(6/24/15 Passed by Appropriations Committee; 6/17/2015 Passed by Subcommittee)

S. 1695  Sponsor: Sen. Roy Blunt (R-MO)
Labor, Health and Human Services and Education Appropriations Act of FY 2016
(6/25/15 Passed by Appropriations Committee; 6/23/2015 Passed by Subcommittee)

ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ACT (ESEA)
S. 1177  Sponsor: Sen. Lamar Alexander (R-TN)
Every Child Achieves Act of 2015 (4/16/2015 Passed HELP Committee and moved to the Senate Legislative Calendar)

Student Success Act (2/27/2015 Debated and amended on the House Floor. A final vote is still pending; 2/11/15 Education and the Workforce Committee mark up.)

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

AMERICA COMPETES ACT
H.R. 1806  Sponsor: Rep. Lamar Smith (R-TX)
America COMPETES Reauthorization Act of 2015 (05/20/2015 Passed the House, 04/22/2015 Passed the Science, Space and Technology Committee)

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