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Weekly Calendar

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2012
Historically Disadvantaged Institutions Conference
Subject: The USA African National Congress Centenary Committee holds the Historically Black Colleges and Universities Historically Disadvantaged Institutions conference.
Time and Location: 9:30 a.m., Howard University, Armour J. Blackburn University Center, 2397 Sixth Street NW, Washington, D.C.
Contact: 202-865-8369, usa.anc.centenary@gmail.com.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2012
None.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2012
eXtension Launch
Subject: The Cooperative Extension System holds an event for the launch of eXtension, an innovative online initiative to provide objective, research-based education and information to improve the lives of Americans.
**Time and Location:** 10:30 a.m., National Press Club, 14th and F Streets NW, Zenger Room, Washington, D.C.
**Contact:** Robert Lewis, 859-231-8575, bob@global-advt.com.

**Stealth Inequalities of School Funding**
**Subject:** The Center for American Progress holds a discussion on "Stealth Inequities of School Funding: How State and Local School Finance Systems Perpetuate Inequitable Student Spending."
**Time and Location:** 12:00 p.m., CAP, 1333 H Street NW, 10th Floor, Washington, D.C.
**Contact:** Register at: [http://www.americanprogress.org/events/2012/09/11/37464/stealth-inequities-of-school-funding](http://www.americanprogress.org/events/2012/09/11/37464/stealth-inequities-of-school-funding).

**EPA Science Research**
**Subject:** The Environmental Protection Agency holds a teleconference meeting of the Science Advisory Board and Board of Scientific Counselors to discuss a draft report providing advice on implementation of the Office of Research and Development’s strategic directions for research.
**Time and Location:** 12:00 p.m.
**Contact:** Angela Nugent, 202-564-2218, nugent.angela@epa.gov.

**Accountability in Higher Education**
**Subject:** The American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research and the New America Foundation holds a joint discussion on "Holding Higher Education Accountable."
**Participants:** Kevin Carey, Moderator, NAF; Andrew P. Kelly, Moderator, AEI; Sen. Marco Rubio (R-FL); Sen. Wyden (D-OR); Tony Carnevale, Director, Center on Education and the Workforce; and Mark Schneider, American Institutes for Research.
**Time and Location:** 1:30 p.m., AEI, 1150 17th Street NW, Wohlstetter Conference Center, 12th Floor, Washington, D.C.
**Contact:** Register at: [http://www.aei.org](http://www.aei.org).

**Five Years of the America COMPETES Act**
**Subject:** The Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee holds a full committee hearing on the "Five Years of the America COMPETES (Creating Opportunities to Meaningfully Promote Excellence in Technology, Education, and Science) Act: Progress, Challenges, and Next Steps."
**Time and Location:** 2:30 p.m., 253 Russell Senate Office Building.
**Contact:** 202-224-0411, [http://commerce.senate.gov](http://commerce.senate.gov).

**America’s Public Universities**
**Subject:** The Zócalo Public Square, a project of Arizona State University's Center for Social Cohesion and the New America Foundation hosts an event titled, “Zócalo in DC: Can the Next President Put Public Universities Back on Top?” to discussion of America's public universities.
**Participants:** David Leonhardt, Washington Bureau Chief, *The New York Times*; Gene Block, Chancellor, University of California, Los Angeles and Chair, Association of Public and Land-grant Universities; Mary Sue Coleman, President, University of Michigan President and Chair, Association of American Universities; and Vartan Gregorian, President, Carnegie Corporation of New York President.
**Time and Location:** 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., National Press Club, 529 14th Street, NW, 13th Floor, Washington, D.C.
**Contact:** RSVP to: [http://zocalopublicsquare.org/upcoming.php?event_id=551](http://zocalopublicsquare.org/upcoming.php?event_id=551).

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2012**
**Help Wanted 2012 Summit**
**Subject:** The Institute for a Competitive Workforce hosts their “Help Wanted 2012 Summit” to facilitate a robust conversation on how America is addressing the skills gap crisis.
Participants: To include: Mark Schmit, Society for Human Resource Management; Christine Scullion, The Manufacturing Institute; Margaret Spellings, U.S. Chamber of Commerce; and Rick Stephens, The Boeing Company.

Time and Location: 8:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m., U.S. Chamber of Commerce, 1615 H, Street, NW, Washington, D.C.

Contact: Register at: http://icw.uschamber.com/conference/help-wanted.

The Impact of International Technology Transfer on American Research and Development

Subject: The House Science, Space, and Technology Investigations and Oversight Subcommittee will hold a hearing on "The Impact of International Technology Transfer on American Research and Development."

Witnesses: Dr. Robert D. Atkinson, President, Information Technology & Innovation Foundation; The Honorable Dennis C. Shea, Chairman, U.S. China Economic and Security Review Commission; and Mr. Robert Holleyman, President and Chief Executive Officer, Business Software Alliance.

Time and Location: 2:00 p.m., 2318 Rayburn House Office Building.


Assessing College Data

Subject: The House Education and the Workforce Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training holds a hearing on “Assessing College Data: Helping to Provide Valuable Information to Students, Institutions, and Taxpayers.”

Witnesses: TBA

Time and Location: 10:00 a.m., 2175 Rayburn House Office Building.


Brain Science and the Cyborg

Subject: The Cultural Programs of the National Academy of Sciences and the D.C. Art and Science Evening Rendezvous holds a discussion on art and science projects in the national capital region on "Brain Science and the Cyborg: Fact, History, and Possibilities."

Time and Location: 6:00 p.m., NAS Building, 2101 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC.

Contact: Register at: http://www.eventbrite.com/event/3999472530?ref=ebtnebregn.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2012

Basic Nuclear Science Research

Subject: The Department of Energy’s Office of Science holds a meeting of the DOE/National Science Foundation Nuclear Science Advisory Committee to provide advice and guidance on scientific priorities within the field of basic nuclear science research.

Time and Location: 9:00 a.m., Hilton Washington North/Gaithersburg, 620 Perry Parkway, Gaithersburg, Md.

Contact: Brenda May, 301-903-0536, Brenda.May@science.doe.gov.

The Effects of Racial Preferences in Higher Education on Student Outcomes

Subject: The Brookings Institution’s Governance Studies program hosts a conference titled, “The Effects of Racial Preferences in Higher Education on Student Outcomes,” to examine new research on the actual effects of racial preferences upon students.

Participants: Strobe Talbott, President, The Brookings Institution; Darrell West, Vice President and Director, Governance Studies, The Brookings Institute; Richard Sander, Professor of Law, UCLA; Glenn Loury, Stoltz Professor of the Social Sciences, Department of Economics, Brown University; Kala Krishna, Liberal Arts Research Professor, Department of Economics, Penn State University; Veronica Robles, Economist, Inter-American Development Bank; E. Douglass Williams, Wilson Chair of Economics, Sewanee: The University of the South; Peter Arcidiacono, Professor of Economics, Duke University; Frederick Smyth, Research Assistant Professor, Psychology, University of Virginia; Marc Luppino, Economist, Federal Trade Commission;
On The Floor This Week

**Senate**

*S. 3457* – Veterans Jobs Corps Act of 2012

**H.J.Res.117** – FY2013 Continuing Resolution to fund the government until March 27, 2013.

**House**

**H.R. __** – STEM Jobs Act of 2012

**H.J.Res. 118** – Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Office of Family Assistance of the Administration for Children and Families of the Department of Health and Human Services relating to waiver and expenditure authority under section 1115 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C 1315) with respect to the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program.

**H.R. 3409** – Stop the War on Coal Act of 2012

Bills to Watch

**FY2013 APPROPRIATIONS**

**House**

**H.Con.Res.112** Sponsor: Rep. Paul Ryan (R-WI)
FY2013 Budget Resolution (3/29/12 passed by House; 3/21/12 passed by House Budget Committee)

**H.R.#** Sponsor: Rep. Frank Wolf (R-VA)
FY2013 Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies Appropriations Act (4/26/12 passed by House Appropriations Committee; 4/19/12 passed by House CJS Appropriations Subcommittee)

**Senate**

**S.2323** Sponsor: Sen. Barbara Mikulski (D-MD)
FY2013 Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies Appropriations Act (4/19/12 passed by Senate Appropriations Committee; 4/17/12 passed by Senate CJS Appropriations Subcommittee)

**S.3295** Sponsor: Sen. Tom Harkin (D-IA)
FY2013 Labor, Health and Human Services and Education and Related Agencies Appropriations Act (6/14/12 passed by Senate Appropriations Committee; 6/12/12 passed by Senate LHHS Appropriations Subcommittee)

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

U.S. House of Representatives 2010 Schedule:

U.S. Senate 2010 Schedule:
http://www.democrats.senate.gov/calendar/2010-01.html or
http://www.gpoaccess.gov/calendars/senate/browse.html


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

U.S. House Budget Committee: http://www.house.gov/budget

Congressional Budget Office: http://www.cbo.gov

Federal legislative information: http://thomas.loc.gov

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