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This Week in Washington, a weekly publication of WPLLC, provides an overview of upcoming events in Washington D.C. that are relevant to CUR’s interests. Please use the bookmarks below to navigate to your area of interest.

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**Weekly Calendar**

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2012**

**AIDS Research**

**Subject:** The National Institutes of Health holds a meeting of the AIDS Research Advisory Committee, NIAID, to receive reports from the division director and other staff.

**Time and Location:** 1:00 p.m., National Institutes of Health, Natcher Building, 45 Center Drive, Conference Rooms E1/E2, Bethesda, Md.

**Contact:** Rona Siskind, 301-435-3732.

**Science in the Administrative Process**

**Subject:** The Administrative Conference of the United States holds a meeting of the Committee on Regulation to consider a set of draft recommendations dealing with the Science in the Administrative Process project.

**Time and Location:** 2:00 p.m., 1120 20th Street NW, Suite 706 South, Washington, D.C.

**Contact:** Reeve Bull, 202-480-2080, rbull@acus.gov.
2012 “Education Nation” Summit
Subject: NBC hosts their annual “Education Nation” Summit, September 23-25, featuring sessions such as a discussion on education as a national security risk; a session on gaming as a learning method; an in-depth look at the skills gap between available jobs and the unemployed; a roundtable with CEOs from top U.S. companies on how top business visionaries are addressing the nation’s education challenges; a session on teachers’ unions in the 21st century; a convening of the nation’s current and former U.S. Secretaries of Education; and more.
Participants: President Barack Obama; Governor Mitt Romney, Republican Candidate for President; Michael Bloomberg, Mayor, New York City; General Colin Powell, America’s Promise; Eduardo Padrón, President, Miami Dade College; Governor Jeb Bush, Former Governor, Florida; Randi Weingarten, President, American Federation of Teachers (AFT); Julián Castro, Mayor, San Antonio; Hilda Solis, U.S. Secretary of Labor; Dennis Van Roekel, President, National Education Association (NEA); Walter Isaacson, President & CEO, The Aspen Institute; Kaya Henderson, Chancellor, Washington DC Public Schools; Craig Barrett, Retired Chairman, Intel; Mark Mason, Chief Executive Officer, Citi Holdings; Antonio Villaraigosa, Mayor, Los Angeles; and Governor Beverly Perdue, North Carolina.
Time and Location: New York City.
Contact: www.educationnation.com

College Access and Dual Enrollment in Rural Communities
Subject: REL Appalachia and CNA hosts a webinar presentation titled, “Increasing Access to College Preparatory Courses in Rural Communities Through Dual Enrollment,” to discuss the latest research pertaining to dual enrollment programs and their relationship to high school graduation, college enrollment and college retention.
Participants: Dr. Robert Muller, Director, REL Appalachia; Dr. Melinda Mechur Karp, Senior Research Associate, Teachers College, Columbia University; Mr. Paul Stapleton, Retired Superintendent, Halifax County Public Schools; and Dr. Linda Wallinger, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, Virginia Department of Education.
Time and Location: 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Contact: RSVP at: www.cna.org.

Postsecondary Attainment Goals
Subject: The American Institutes of Research and The George Washington University Graduate School of Education and Human Development hosts the second of a series of seminars on what the national attainment agenda means for individuals focusing on the meaning of equity in meeting the national postsecondary attainment goals.
Participants: Rita Kirshstein, Managing Director, AIR; Harry Brighouse, University of Wisconsin; Michael McPherson, President, The Spencer Foundation; and Michelle Cooper, President, Institute for Higher Education Policy.
Time and Location: 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., AIR, 1000 Thomas Jefferson Street, NW, Washington, D.C.
Contact: RSVP to Crystala Lewis at clewis@air.org.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2012
Astronomy and Astrophysics
Subject: The National Science Foundation holds a meeting of the Astronomy and Astrophysics Advisory Committee on issues within the field of astronomy and astrophysics that are of mutual interest and concern to the NSF, NASA, and the Energy Department.
Time and Location: 1:00 p.m., NSF, Room 1020, Stafford I Building, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Va.
Contact: Jim Ulvestad, 703-292-7165.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2012
None.
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2012
Energy Environmental and Biological Research
Subject: The Energy Department’s Office of Science holds a meeting by teleconference of the Biological and Environmental Research Advisory Committee to review final edits to the BERAC report based on the charge letter dated, September 14, 2011.
Time and Location: 11:00 p.m., None given.
Contact: Joanne Corcoran, 310-903-6488, joanne.corcoran@science.doe.gov [Note: See contact for dial-in information by September 25.].

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2012
None.

Future Hearings and Events
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2012
Secretary’s Back to School Address
Subject: The National Press Club hosts a luncheon featuring US Secretary of Education Arne Duncan to speak about American education and reflect on the achievements and setbacks of the past four years as well as future challenges for improving American schools.
Participants: Arne Duncan, US Secretary of Education.
Time and Location: 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m., National Press Club, 13th Floor, 529 14th Street, NW, Washington, DC.
Contact: The cost of luncheon admission is $37 for the general public. Tickets must be purchased at time of reservation. RSVP at: 202-662-7501, reservations@press.org.

On The Floor This Week
Senate
In recess.

House
In recess.

Bills to Watch
FY2013 APPROPRIATIONS
House

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)
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 démocrates.senate.gov/calendar/2010-01.html or  
http://www.gpoaccess.gov/calendars/senate/browse.html

U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions:  
http://help.senate.gov

U.S. House Committee on Education and Labor:  
http://edlabor.house.gov

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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