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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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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2014

Undergraduate Science Fair

Subject: The Community College Undergraduate Research Initiative (CCURI) and the Council on Undergraduate Research (CUR) will host an event, “National Student Poster Session,” in which over 40 undergraduate scientists will present posters on their research projects.

Time and Location: 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.; 902 Hart SOB.


TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2014

Financial Literacy

Subject: The National Press Foundation will host a webinar, “Financial Literacy: What Do Young People Know?”

Participants: Gail Hillebrand, Associate Director, Consumer Education and Engagement, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB); and Hadley Malcolm, Personal Finance Reporter, USA Today.

Time: 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Contact: Register at: https://npf.wufoo.com/forms/financial-literacy-what-do-young-people-know/.
Career Academies and Linked Learning

**Subject:** The College & Career Academy Support Network (CCASN) will host a webinar, “Curriculum Database for Career Academies and Linked Learning Pathways.”

**Participant:** Annie Johnston, Coordinator of Public Programs and Linked Learning Coach, CCASN.

**Time:** 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**Contact:** Register at: https://cc.readytalk.com/cc/s/registrations/new?cid=txce7xhito0h.

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2014**

None.

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2014**

**The Future of Pell Grants**

**Subject:** The American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU), The Education Trust and the Consortium for Higher Education Grants and Work-Study Reform will host an event, “What’s Beyond Pell?”

**Participants:** Libby Nelson, Education Reporter, Vox; Daniel Hurley, Associate Vice President for Government Relations and State Policy, AASCU; Jose Luis Santos, Vice President for Higher Education Policy and Practice, The Education Trust; Ben Miller, Senior Policy Analyst, New America Foundation; and Reid Setzer, Legal Fellow, Young Invincibles.

**Time and Location:** 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.; AASCU, 1307 New York Ave, NW, Washington, DC.

**Contact:** Register at: http://www.edtrust.org/dc/event/2014-10-02/%E2%80%9Cwhat%E2%80%99s-beyond-pell%E2%80%9D.

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2014**

**Youth Employment**

**Subject:** The Urban Alliance and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation will host an event, “Youth Employment Matters! High-Quality Solutions and the Role of Corporate Engagement.”

**Participants:** Vice President Joe Biden; Melody Barnes, CEO, Melody Barnes Solutions, LLC; Thomas J. Donohue, President and CEO, U.S. Chamber of Commerce; Anne M. Finucane, Global Chief Strategy & Marketing Officer, Bank of America; Kathleen Matthews, Chief Communications & Public Affairs Officer, Marriott International; John McKernan, Jr., President, U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation; Thomas Nides, Vice Chairman, Morgan Stanley; Sarah Rosen Wartell, President, Urban Institute; and David Williams, CEO, Deloitte Financial Advisory Services, LLP.

**Time and Location:** 8:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.; 1615 H Street, NW, Washington, DC.

**Contact:** Register at: http://youthemploymentmatters.splashthat.com/.

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**On The Floor This Week**

**Senate Floor:**
The Senate will be in recess until November 12.

**House Floor:**
The House will be in recess until November 12.
**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)

**H.R. 5**  
Sponsor: Rep. John Kline (R-MN)  
Student Success Act to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (6/19/13 passed by House Ed and Workforce Committee)

**STRENGTHENING EDUCATION THROUGH RESEARCH ACT**

**H.R. 4366**  
Sponsor: Rep. Todd Rokita (R-IN)  
Strengthening Education through Research Act (09/17/14 passed by Senate HELP Committee; 05/08/14 passed by House Education and the Workforce Committee)

**SIMPLIFYING THE APPLICATION FOR STUDENT AID ACT**

**H.R. 4982**  
Sponsor: Rep. Larry Bucshon (R-IN)  
Simplifying the Application for Student Aid Act (06/26/14 referred to House Committee on Education and the Workforce)

**STRENGTHENING TRANSPARENCY IN HIGHER EDUCATION ACT**

**H.R. 4983**  
Sponsor: Rep. Virginia Foxx (R-NC)  
Strengthening Transparency in Higher Education Act (06/26/14 referred to House Committee on Education and the Workforce)

**EMPOWERING STUDENTS THROUGH ENHANCED FINANCIAL COUNSELING ACT**

**H.R. 4984**  
Sponsor: Rep. Brett Guthrie (R-KY)  
Empowering Students Through Enhanced Financial Counseling Act (06/26/14 referred to House Committee on Education and the Workforce)

**HIGHER EDUCATION AFFORDABILITY ACT**

**Draft**  
Sponsor: Sen. Tom Harkin (D-IA)  
Higher Education Affordability Act (discussion draft of the bill, comments due to HELP Committee by 08/29/14)

**AMERICA COMPETES REAUTHORIZATION ACT**

**S. 2757**  
Sponsor: Sen. John Rockefeller (D-WV)  
America Creating Opportunities to Meaningfully Promote Excellence in Technology, Education, and Science Reauthorization Act of 2014 (07/31/14 referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation)

**H.R. 4186**  
Sponsor: Rep. Larry Bucshon (R-IN)  
Frontiers in Innovation, Research, Science and Technology Act of 2014 (03/10/14 reported out of committee by voice vote)

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**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

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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