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Weekly Calendar

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2013

State of Education

Subject: The National Press Club hosts Secretary of Education Arne Duncan to discuss the Administration’s education agenda.

Participant: Arne Duncan, Secretary of Education.

Time and Location: 1:00 p.m., National Press Club, 529 14th Street, NW, 13th Floor, Washington, DC.

Contact: Invite only event; however, a webcast will be available at: www.press.org.

Accreditation in Higher Education

Subject: The American Enterprise Institute hosts an event titled, “A Higher Bar for Higher Education: Reforming Accreditation for the 21st Century” to discuss policy recommendations to reform accreditation in higher education.

Participants: Hank Brown, Former U.S. Senator and Former President, University of Colorado; Judith Eaton, Council for Higher Education Accreditation; Amy Laitinen, New America Foundation; Arthur Rothkopf, U.S. Chamber of Commerce; and Andrew P. Kelly, AEI.

Time and Location: 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., AEI, 1150 17th Street, NW, 12th Floor, Washington, DC.

Contact: RSVP at: www.aei.org.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2013

Planning Planetary Science Program

Subject: The National Aeronautics and Space Administration holds a meeting of the Planetary Science Subcommittee of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration Advisory Council to
solicit from the scientific community and other persons, scientific and technical information relevant to program planning. October 1-2.

**Time and Location:** 8:30 a.m., National Aeronautics and Space Administration Headquarters, 300 E Street SW, Room 9H40, Washington, D.C.

**Contact:** Ann Delo, 202-358-0750, ann.b.delo@nasa.gov

**Reviewing Impacts of Climate Change**

**Subject:** The Commerce Department; National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research holds a meeting of the National Climate Assessment and Development Advisory Committee to review the science and information pertaining to current and future impacts of climate change, October 1-2.

**Time and Location:** 9:00 a.m., Four Points Sheraton, 1201 K Street NW, Washington, D.C.

**Contact:** Cynthia Decker, 301-734-1156, cynthia.decker@noaa.gov.

**Federal Student Aid**

**Subject:** The House Education and the Workforce Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training holds a hearing on "Keeping College Within Reach: Simplifying Federal Student Aid."

**Witnesses:** Kristin D. Conklin, Founding Partner, HCM Strategists, LLC; Dr. Sandy Baum, Research Professor of Education Policy, George Washington University and Senior Fellow, Urban Institute; Jennifer Mishory, J.D., Deputy Director, Young Invincibles; and Jason Delisle, Director, Federal Education Budget Project, New America Foundation.

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

**Contact:** A webcast will be available at: http://edworkforce.house.gov/calendar/eventsingle.aspx?EventID=348909.

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2013**

**Promoting Excellence in Technology, Education, and Science**

**Subject:** The Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee holds a full committee hearing on "America Creating Opportunities to Meaningfully Promote Excellence in Technology, Education, and Science Act."

**Witnesses:** TBA.

**Time and Location:** 2:30 p.m., 253 Russell Senate Office Building.

**Contact:** 202-224-0411, commerce.senate.gov.

**Evaluating MOOCs**

**Subject:** The American Council on Education and the American Institutes for Research hosts an event on "Will MOOCs Pass the Test? Evaluating These New Online Courses" to discuss the impact and effectiveness of massive open online courses.

**Participants:** Jessica Heppen, Principal Research Analyst, Education Program, AIR; Andrew Ng, Co-CEO and Co-Founder, Coursera (via video conference); Cathy Sandeen, Vice President, Education Attainment and Innovation, ACE; Karen Vignare, Associate Provost, Center for Innovation in Learning, University of Maryland University College; and Gina Burkhardt, Executive Vice President and Director, Education Program, AIR.

**Time and Location:** 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m., ACE, 1 Dupont Circle, NW, Washington, DC.

**Contact:** Register at: http://evaluatingmoocs.eventbrite.com.

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2013**

**IES Meeting**

**Subject:** The Education Department's Institute of Education Sciences holds a meeting on the National Board for Education Sciences.

**Time and Location:** 8:30 a.m., 80 F Street NW, Room 100, Washington, D.C.

**Contact:** Ellie Pelaez, 202-219-0644, Ellie.Pelaez@ed.gov.
**Student Financial Aid**

**Subject:** The Brown Center on Education Policy at Brookings hosts an event on "Reimagining Aid Design and Delivery: Improving Federal Financial Aid for Students."

**Participants:** Russ Whitehurst, Senior Fellow and Director, Brown Center on Education Policy, The Brookings Institution; Beth Akers, Fellow, The Brookings Institution; Rory O'Sullivan, Policy Director, Young Invincibles; Michael Tanner, Vice President and Chief Academic Officer, Association of Public and Land-grant Universities; and Richard Vedder, American Enterprise Institute Adjunct Scholar, Ohio University.

**Time and Location:** 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., The Brookings Institution, Falk Auditorium, 1775 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C.

**Contact:** RSVP at: 202-797-6105.

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**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2013**

**Managing Student Debt**

**Subject:** The New American Foundation and the Lumina Foundation hosts a panel discussion titled, “A Future with Zero Education Debt” to discuss the current problems and possible solutions for student loan debt.

**Participants:** Jamie Merisotis, President, Lumina Foundation; Alex Holt, Program Associate, New America Foundation; John Burbank, Executive Director, Economic Opportunity Institute; Miguel Palacios, Co-Founder, Lumni Inc. and Assistant Professor of Finance, Owen Graduate School of Management, Vanderbilt University; Tonio DeSorrento, General Counsel, PAVE; David Girouard, Founder & CEO, Upstart; Gordon Taylor, Director and Advisor, 13th Avenue Funding and Associate Dean for Finance and Administration, College of Arts & Sciences, University of Oregon; Jason Delisle, Director, Federal Education Budget Project, New America Foundation; Michelle Asha Cooper, President, Institute for Higher Education Policy; Rohit Chopra, Assistant Director, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau; and Alex Zakiya Smith, Strategy Director, Lumina Foundation.

**Time and Location:** 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., New America Foundation, 1899 L Street, NW, Suite 400, Washington, D.C.

**Contact:** RSVP at: [http://www.newamerica.net/events/2013/_zero_education_debt](http://www.newamerica.net/events/2013/_zero_education_debt).

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**On The Floor This Week**

**Senate**

H.J.Res. 59 - Continuing Appropriations Resolution, 2014

**House**

H.J.Res. 59 - Continuing Appropriations Resolution, 2014

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**Bills to Watch**

**FY2014 APPROPRIATIONS**

S.Con.Res. # Sponsor: Sen. Patty Murray (D-WA)

Setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2014 (3/14/13 passed by Senate Budget Committee)

Establishing the budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2014
(3/13/13 passed by House Budget Committee)

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