Weekly Calendar

MONDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2012

**Innovation to Drive Productivity in Postsecondary Education**

**Subject:** The Department of Education (ED) and White House Office of Science and Technology Policy will host a symposium on "Innovation to Drive Productivity in Postsecondary Education."

**Participants:** Arne Duncan, US Secretary of Education; and Jim Shelton, Assistant Deputy Education Secretary for Innovation and Improvement.

**Time and Location:** 8:50 a.m.; Georgetown University Hotel and Conference Center, 3800 Reservoir Road NW, Washington, DC.

**Contact:** 202-401-1576, press@ed.gov.

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.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2012
NASA Subcommittee on Planetary Science
Subject: National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) NASA Advisory Council (NAC) Subcommittee on Planetary Science will hold a meeting to discuss the purpose of soliciting, from the scientific community and other persons, scientific and technical information relevant to program planning.
Time and Location: 8:30 a.m.; NASA Headquarters, 300 E Street SW, Room 6H45, Washington, DC.
Contact: Marian Norris, 202-358-4452, mnorris@nasa.gov.

College Affordability
Subject: Washington Monthly magazine and the New America Foundation (NAF) will host an event titled, “Making College Better and Cheaper,” to discuss the most pressing higher education issues of the day.
Participants: Stephen Burd, Senior Policy Analyst, Education Policy Program, NAF; Kevin Carey, Director, Education Policy Program, NAF; Robert G. Gaines, Special Assistant to the Chancellor, Elizabeth City State University, NC; Paul Glastris, Editor in Chief, Washington Monthly; and Jamie P. Merisotis, President and CEO, Lumina Foundation.
Time and Location: 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.; New America Foundation, 1899 L Street, NW, Suite 400, Washington, DC.
Contact: RSVP to: http://newamerica.net/events/2012/making_college_cheaper_and_better.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2012
None.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2012
Institute of Education Sciences Meeting
Subject: The Department of Education (ED) Institute of Education Sciences (IES) will hold a meeting of the National Board for Education Sciences (NBES).
Participants: Bridget Long, Chairwoman, NBES; John Easton, Director, IES; Anne Ricciuti, Deputy Director for Science, IES; Ruth Neild, Commissioner, National Center for Education Evaluation; Steve Fleishman, Deputy Executive Officer of Education, Northwest; Barbara Means, Director, Center for Technology in Learning, SRI International; Thomas Smith, Director, National Center for Scaling Up Effective Schools; and Sue Betka, Deputy Director, Administration and Policy, IES.
Time and Location: 8:30 a.m.; 80 F Street NW, Room 100, Washington, DC.
Contact: Monica Herk, 202-208-3491, Monica.Herk@ed.gov.

Future Hearings and Events
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2012
Science Policy
Subject: The New America Foundation (NAF) and Future Tense will host an event titled, “It’s Science and Tech Policy, Stupid” to take an in-depth look at the implications of science and tech policy from the campaign trail.
Participants: Robert Wright, Senior Future Tense Fellow, NAF; Marvin Ammori, Bernard L. Schwartz Fellow, NAF; Sheri Fink, M.D., Future Tense Fellow, NAF; and Konstantin Kakaes, Bernard L. Schwartz Fellow, NAF.
Time and Location: 12:15 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.; NAF, 1899 L Street, NW, Suite 400, Washington, DC.
Contact: RSVP to: http://newamerica.net/events/2012/its_science_and_tech_policy.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2012
Rural Dropout Prevention and Recovery (E&S, H)
Subject: The National Education Association (NEA), the National Center for Science Education (NCSE), and the Alliance for Climate Education are convening a Climate Education Forum to discuss the challenges and opportunities around climate science literacy, particularly in formal K-12 and undergraduate settings, build on prior efforts to develop a strategic framework that will foster measurable increases in climate and energy literacy, and identify stellar resources and programs with proven success that can help inform discussions on national initiatives or public-private partnerships.
Time and Location: 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.; National Education Association, 1201 16th Street, NW, Washington, DC.
Contact: RSVP to Susan Nogan at SNogan@nea.org.

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On The Floor This Week
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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)

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)
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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