This Week in Washington

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This Week in Washington, a weekly publication of WP LLC, provides an overview of upcoming events in Washington, D.C. affecting American education. Please use the bookmarks below to navigate to your area of interest.

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Weekly Calendar

Monday, October 19, 2015
Access to Higher Education
Subject: The White House will announce a new public awareness campaign to reach students as part of the Reach Higher initiative, which aims to "encourage every student in America to take charge of their future by completing their education past high school."
Participant: First Lady Michelle Obama
Time and Location: 11:00 a.m.; The White House, East Room.
Contact: firstladypress@who.eop.gov.

Tuesday, October 20, 2015
STEM Education and the Workforce
Subject: The STEM Education Caucus will host a briefing, "Building STEM Education Pipeline Aligned with Industry Needs: Perspectives from the Field." The briefing will focus on ways that colleges and universities can creatively engage students in the STEM fields and bridge the gap between education and careers.
Participants: Elizabeth Ambos, executive officer, Council on Undergraduate Research; Nancy Amato, Texas A&M University; Dr. Collins Jones, Montgomery College; Dr. Oscar Barton, George Mason University.
Time and Location: 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.; B-339 Rayburn HOB.
Contact: RSVP to myaryura@wpllc.net.
**Wednesday, October 21, 2015**

**Senate Budget Committee Hearing on Reforming the Federal Budget Process**

**Subject:** The Senate Committee on the Budget will hold a hearing, "Reforming the Federal Budget Process: The Need for Action."

**Witnesses:** Michael Peterson, president and CEO, Peter G. Peterson Foundation; Dr. Douglas Holts-Eakin, president, American Action Forum; and Deborah Weinstein, executive director, Coalition on Human Needs.

**Time and Location:** 10:30 a.m.; 608 Dirksen SOB.

**Contact:** For inquiries on the hearing, contact: 202.224.0642.

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**Career and Technical Education**

**Subject:** CNA will host a briefing, “The CTE Equation,” to discuss Career and Technical Education programs across the nation.

**Participants:** Brenda Dann-Messier, principal research scientist, CNA Education; Christine Mokher, senior research scientist, CNA Education; Juliana Pearson, associate research analyst, CNA Education; and Liza Cordeiro, senior marketing advisor, CNA Education.

**Time and Location:** 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.; 188 Russell SOB.

**Contact:** RSVP to rchatterji@wplic.net.

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**NSF Advisory Committee for Engineering**

**Subject:** The National Science Foundation (NSF) will host a 2-day meeting (October 21-22) of the Advisory Committee for Engineering to provide advice, recommendations and counsel on major goals and policies pertaining to engineering programs and activities.

**Time and Location:** 12:00 p.m.; 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 1235, Arlington, VA.

**Contact:** Evette Rollins, 703.292.8300.

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**Thursday, October 22, 2015**

**Gender in STEM Achievement**

**Subject:** The National Alliance for Partnerships in Equity (NAPE) will hold a webinar on STEM equity, “Does Gender Matter in Peer-Learning?” The presentation will present research and discuss approaches to remediate gender-associated differences in achievement.

**Participants:** Peter Greelings, lecturer, Centre for University Teaching and Learning (CUTL), Murdoch University, Perth, Australia;

**Time:** 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**Contact:** Register here.

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**Friday, October 23, 2015**

None.

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**Future Hearings and Events**

**Tuesday, October 27, 2015**

**Implications of Student Debt on Federal Policy**

**Subject:** The Institute for College Access & Success will hold an event, “A Decade of Student Debt,” to release a report on debt at graduation and to discuss what has changed in 10 years and the implications for federal policy.

**Participants:** Doug Lederman, editor and co-founder, Inside Higher Ed; Rohit Chopra, senior fellow, Center for American Progress; Tamara Draut, vice president of policy and research, Demos; Max Espinoza, senior vice president of education programs and policy, Scholarship America; and Kevin James, research fellow, Center on Higher Education Reform, American Enterprise Institute.

**Time and Location:** 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.; HVC-201.

**Contact:** Register here.
Higher Education Summit
Subject: The National Urban League will hold the first of a two-day event, “National Higher Education Summit.”
Participants: Marc H. Morial, president and CEO, National Urban League; William D. Hansen, president and CEO, USA Funds; Brandon Busteed, executive director of education, Gallup Organization; James A. Anderson, chancellor, Fayetteville State University; Carol Quillen, president, Davidson College; Neil Horikoshi, president and executive director, Asian and Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund; Carrie L. Billy, president, American Indian Higher Education Consortium; and Deborah Santiago, co-founder, Excelencia in Education.
Time and Location: 12:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.; 901 F Street, NW, Washington, DC.
Contact: Register here.

Wednesday, October 28, 2015
Higher Education Summit
Subject: The National Urban League will hold day two of a two-day event, “National Higher Education Summit.”
Participants: Kasim Reed, mayor, Atlanta, GA; Christopher Cabaldon, mayor, West Sacramento, CA; Bill Haslam, Governor, TN; Brian Jarvis, mayor, Beavercreek, OH; Dr. Merryl H. Tisch, chancellor, New York State Board of Regents; Dr. Elaine A. Crider, chair, University of the District of Columbia; Wayne A. I. Frederick, president, Howard University; Wendell D. Hall, senior director, The College Board; Antonio R. Flores, president and CEO, Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU); Johnny C. Taylor, president and CEO, Thurgood Marshall College Fund; Mark Schneider, vice president, American Institutes for Research (AIR); Dr. Maggie George, president, Diné College; Josh Williams, associate vice president of program development, Inside Track; Allison Barber, chancellor, Western Governors University, IN; Julian Alssid, chief workforce strategist, College for America; and John Engler, president, Business Round Table, former Governor, MI.
Time and Location: 7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.; 901 F Street, NW, Washington, DC.
Contact: Register here.

On The Floor This Week
Senate Floor:
S.2146 – Stop Sanctuary Policies and Protect Americans Act

House Floor:
H.R. 692 – Default Prevention Act
H.R. 10 – SOAR Reauthorization Act
H.R. __ – Restoring Americans’ Healthcare Freedom Reconciliation Act

Bills to Watch

APPROPRIATIONS
H.R.2578 Sponsor: Rep. John Culberson (R-TX)

S. # Sponsor: Sen. Richard Shelby (R-AL)
H.R.2822  Sponsor: Rep. Ken Calvert (R-CA)

S. 1645  Sponsor: Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-AK)

H.R.3020  Sponsor: Rep. Tom Cole (R-OK)
Labor, Health and Human Services and Education Appropriations Act of FY 2016 (6/24/15 Passed by Appropriations Committee; 6/17/2015 Passed by Subcommittee)

S. 1695  Sponsor: Sen. Roy Blunt (R-MO)

ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ACT (ESEA)
S. 1177  Sponsor: Sen. Lamar Alexander (R-TN)
Every Child Achieves Act of 2015 (7/16/15 Passed by Senate; 4/16/2015 Passed HELP Committee)

Student Success Act (7/8/15 Passed by House of Representatives; 2/27/2015 Debated and amended on the House Floor; 2/11/15 Passed by Education and the Workforce Committee)

EDUCATION SCIENCES REFORM ACT (ESRA)
S. 227  Sponsor: Sen. Lamar Alexander (R-TN)
Strengthening Education through Research Act (2/04/2015 Passed HELP Committee)

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