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This Week in Washington

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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, OCTOBER 21, 2013

Outlook of Energy

Subject: The American Association for the Advancement of Science holds a discussion on “The Outlook for Energy: A View to 2040.”

Participants: Rob Gardner, Manager of the Economics and Energy Division of Corporate Strategic Planning at ExxonMobil; Howard Gruenspecht, Deputy Administrator of the Energy Information Administration; Vivien Foster, Sector Manager of the Energy Unit in the Sustainable Energy Department of the World Bank; and Richard Harris, Science Correspondent for National Public Radio.

Time and Location: 6:00 p.m., AAAS, 1200 New York Avenue NW, Auditorium, Washington, D.C.

Contact: Earl Lane, 202-326-6431, elane@aaas.org.

Financial Aid

Subject: The Hamilton Project at Brookings hosts a forum titled, “Improving College Outcomes: A Modern Approach to Financing Higher Education” to discuss changes in student lending and financial aid policies.

Participants: Robert E. Rubin, Former U.S. Treasury Secretary; Grover “Russ” Whitehurst, Director, Brown Center on Education Policy, Brookings; Catharine Bond Hill, President, Vassar College; Francisco G. Cigarroa, Chancellor, University of Texas; Gail Mellow, President, LaGuardia Community College; Thomas Ross, President, University of North Carolina; and Michael Roth, President, Wesleyan University.
Time and Location: 1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m., National Press Club Ballroom, 529 14th Street, NW, Washington, DC.

Contact: RSVP at: https://www.event.com/events/improving-college-outcomes-a-modern-approach-to-financing-higher-education/registration-c806d059f4784fd585bd78cf7d2e56ac.aspx.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2013

STEM Workforce

Subject: Change the Equation holds a news conference to release the findings of the latest Bayer Facts of Science Education survey, "The U.S. STEM Workforce Shortage: Myth or Reality? Talent Recruiters at Fortune 1000 Companies Settle the Debate."

Participants: Mae Jemison, First African-American Female Astronaut and Bayer's "Making Science Make Sense" Spokeswoman; Laurel Rutledge, Head of Human Resources at Bayer Material Science LLC; Nicole Smith, Senior Economist at Georgetown University Center for Education and Workforce; Kelly Mack, Executive Director of Project Kaleidoscope of the American Association of Colleges and Universities; and Linda Rosen, CEO of Change the Equation.

Time and Location: 12:00 p.m., National Press Club, 14th and F Streets NW, Conference Rooms, Washington, D.C.

Contact: Stephani Hornback, 212-378-2020, arwayny@aol.com, or register online at: bayers-temsalon.eventbrite.com. Live stream will be available at: changetheequation.org/stem-salon-stem-workforce-shortage-myth-or-reality.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2013

Non-Defense Discretionary Funding

Subject: The Center on Budget and Policy Priorities hosts a town hall meeting titled, “Preparing for Launch: Fiscal Landscape and Report Dissemination” to discuss the fiscal policy landscape and what may be in store for non-defense discretionary funding.

Time and Location: 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.; The American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), 1200 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, DC.

Contact: RSVP to Brandon McCain at crdfellow2@dc-crd.com.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2013

None.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2013

National Council on the Arts

Subject: The National Foundation on the Arts and Humanities and the National Endowment for the Arts holds the 180th meeting of the National Council on the Arts.

Time and Location: 9:00 a.m., Nancy Hanks Center, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, D.C.

Contact: 202-682-5570.

On The Floor This Week

Senate

In Recess.

House

H.R. 3080  Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2013
Bills to Watch

FY2014 APPROPRIATIONS

H.R. 2775  Continuing Appropriations Act, 2014 (signed by President 10/17/13; passed by House of Representatives and Senate 10/16/13).

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)

Links for Up-to-Date Information on Hearings, Legislation, and Events

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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