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. affecting American education. Please use the bookmarks below to navigate to your area of interest.

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Weekly Calendar

Monday, October 26, 2015

Siemens Technical Scholars
Subject: The Aspen Institute College Excellence Program will host an event, the “Siemens Technical Scholars Announcement and Panel Discussion” to meet exemplary scholars followed by a panel discussion on how the nation’s top community college programs are tackling the challenge of delivering first-rate preparation of young adults for jobs in middle-skill STEM fields.
Participants: Thomas Kochan, professor, MIT Sloan School of Management; Bethany McCormick, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory; and Robert Templin, president, Northern Virginia Community College.
Time and Location: 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.; 1 Dupont Circle, NW, Suite 700, Washington, DC.
Contact: Register here.

Forum on College and Affordability and Student Debt
Subject: The Senate Democratic Steering and Outreach Committee will hold a forum on college affordability and the student debt crisis.
Participants: Senator Amy Klobuchar (D-MN); Senator Elizabeth Warren (D-MA); Rohit Chopra, senior fellow, Center for American Progress; and Jen Mishory, Young Invincibles.
Time and Location: 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.; 406 Dirksen SOB.
Contact: Watch the live stream here.

Tuesday, October 27, 2015

House Education and the Workforce Committee Hearing on CTE
Subject: The House Committee on Education and the Workforce will hold a hearing, “Improving Career and Technical Education to Help Students Succeed in the Workforce.”

Time and Location: 10:00 a.m.; 2261 Rayburn HOB.

Contact: For inquiries on the hearing, contact: 202.225.4527.

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 (October 27-28), "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.

Engineering Research Centers

Subject: The National Science Foundation (NSF) will hold an event, “30 Years of NSF Engineering Research Centers.”

Participants: France Córdova, director, NSF; James A. Jeffries, president, IEEE-USA; Representative Randy Hultgren (R-IL); David McLaughlin, former director, Engineering Research Center for Collaborative Adaptive Sensing of the Atmosphere; Mario Rotea, division director, NSF; and Pramod Khargonekar, assistant director, NSF Directorate for Engineering.

Time and Location: 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.; Caucus Room, 345 Cannon HOB.

Contact: RSVP to symposium@nsf.gov.

Thursday, October 29, 2015

None.
Future Hearings and Events
Wednesday, November 4, 2015
Afterschool
Subject: The Partnership for 21st Century Learning (P21) and the National After School Association (NAA) will host a briefing, “Beyond School Programs: Partners in College and Career Readiness” to discuss the powerful role beyond school programs play in equipping all students with the knowledge and skills required for postsecondary success.
Participants: Helen Soule, executive director, P21; Gina Warner, president and CEO, NAA; and Scott Brody, American Camp Association.
Time and Location: 10:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.; SVC 201
Contact: RSVP by October 23 to Jamie.Brandon@FLPAdvisors.com.

Thursday, November 5, 2015
Teaching STEM
Subject: The American Chemical Society will hold an event, “Teaching STEM Effectively.”
Participants: Laura Pence, professor, University of Hartford; Jamie Curtis-Fisk, associate scientist, The Dow Chemical Company; Mary Ann Rankin, professor, University of Maryland; Linda Rosen, CEO, Change the Equation; and Barbara Sitzman, president, American Association of Chemistry Teachers.
Time and Location: 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.; 325 Russell SOB.
Contact: Register here.

On The Floor This Week
Senate Floor:
S.754 - Cybersecurity Information Sharing Act of 2015

House Floor:
H.R. 3033 – Research Excellence and Advancements for Dyslexia (READ) Act:
Will be voted on suspension calendar
H.R. 1090 – Retail Investor Protection Act

Possible consideration of legislation related to the debt limit

Bills to Watch

APPROPRIATIONS
H.R.2578 Sponsor: Rep. John Culberson (R-TX)
5/20/2015 Passed Appropriations Committee; 5/14/2015 Passed Subcommittee)
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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