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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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**Weekly Calendar**

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2014**

**MPS Advisory Committee Meeting**

**Subject:** The National Science Foundation’s (NSF) Advisory Committee for the Directorate of Mathematical and Physical Sciences to hold a meeting from November 3-4.

**Time and Location:** 1:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.; NSF, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 1235, Arlington, VA.

**Contact:** RSVP to Eduardo A. Misawa at: emisawa@nsf.gov or by phone at: 703.292.5353. View the draft agenda at: http://nsf.gov/attachments/131150/public/draft_agenda_november_2014_mpsac_v2.pdf.

**Student Financial Aid**

**Subject:** The Lumina Foundation and the Institute for Higher Education Policy will host the first installment of a mini-documentary film series, “Looking Back to Move Forward: A History of Federal Financial Aid,” to discuss the historical and political context of federal financial aid.

**Time and Location:** 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.; Ronald Reagan Building, 1300 Pennsylvania Ave, NW, Pavilion Room, 2nd Floor, Washington, DC.

**Contact:** Registration is closed for today. Contact Amber Cruz Mohring (event planner) at: acruzmohring@luminafoundation.org or by phone at: 317.951.5341.
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2014

**Undergraduate Earth Education**

**Subject:** InTeGrate will host an event, "Interdisciplinary Teaching about the Earth for a Sustainable Future," to discuss undergraduate Earth education requirements and Earth literacy.

**Time and Location:** 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.; American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), 1200 New York Ave, NW, Washington, DC.

**Contact:** RSVP to John Taber at: taber@iris.edu.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2014

**Education and Human Resources Advisory Committee**

**Subject:** The National Science Foundation's (NSF) Advisory Committee on Education and Human Resources will hold a meeting from November 5-6.

**Time and Location:** 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.; NSF, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Stafford I Conference Room 375, Arlington, VA.


**NSB Administrative Burdens Taskforce Meeting**

**Subject:** The National Science Board (NSB) and ad hoc Working Group on Administrative Burdens to hold a teleconference.

**Time:** 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

**Contact:** RSVP to Jacqueline Meszaros at: jmeszaros@nsf.gov or by phone at: 703.292.7000. For more information, go to: http://www.nsf.gov/nsb/meetings/2014/1105/meeting.pdf.

**Gainful Employment and Quality Postsecondary Education**

**Subject:** The Center for American Progress (CAP) will host an event, “Promoting Quality in Higher Education: Examining Gainful Employment in Career Education.”

**Participants:** Carmel Martin, executive vice president for policy, CAP; James Kvaal, deputy director, Domestic Policy Council, The White House; Kevin James, research fellow, Center on Higher Education Reform, American Enterprise Institute (AEI); Anne Johnson, executive director, Generation Progress; Trace Urdan, senior analyst, Wells Fargo Securities, LLC; Nancy Zirkin, executive vice president, director of policy, Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights; and David Bergeron, vice president for postsecondary education, CAP.

**Time and Location:** 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.; CAP, 1333 H Street, NW, 10th Floor, Washington, DC.

**Contact:** Register at: http://www.americanprogress.org/events/2014/10/30/100038/promoting-quality-in-higher-education-examining-gainful-employment-in-career-education/?evlc=rsvp&elq=~~eloqua..type--emailfield..syntax--recipientid~~&elqCampaignId=~~eloqua..type--campaign..campaignid--0..fieldname--id~~.

**Evolution of Higher Education**

**Subject:** The Cato Institute will host an event, “Federal Policy, the Election, and the Changing Ivory Tower.”

**Participants:** John Ebersole, president, Excelsior College; Barmak Nassirian, director, federal relations and policy analysis, American Association of State Colleges and Universities; Peter Smith, senior vice president, academic strategy, Kaplan Higher Education Group; Neal McCluskey, associate director, Center for Educational Freedom, Cato Institute; and Amy Laitinen, deputy director, education policy program, New America Foundation.

**Time and Location:** 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.; Cato, 1000 Massachusetts Ave, NW, Hayek Auditorium, Washington, DC.

**Contact:** Register at: https://ssl.cato.org:8443/catopublic/?utm_source=Cato+Institute+Emails&utm_campaign=
Role of Education in Social Mobility
Subject: The American Institutes for Research (AIR) will host an event, “Breakthroughs in Education and Social Mobility Research: Isabel V. Sawhill.”
Participant: Dr. Isabel V. Sawhill, senior fellow, economics studies, The Brookings Institute.
Time and Location: 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.; AIR, 1000 Thomas Jefferson Street, NW, Washington DC.
Contact: Register at: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/breakthroughs-in-education-and-social-mobility-research-isabel-v-sawhill-registration-13781614179?ref=enivte001&invite=NzAyMzYyOS9oYWxsZW5Ad3BsbGMubmV0LzA%3D&utm_source=eb_email&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=inviteformalv2&utm_term=attend&ref=enivte001.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2014
Implications of Midterm Elections
Subject: The American Enterprise Institute (AEI) will host an event, “What the Midterm Elections Mean for Education Policy.”
Participants: Jeanne Allen, founder, Center for Education Reform; Charles Barone, policy director, Democrats for Education Reform; Frederick M. Hess, resident scholar, director of education policy studies, AEI; Alyson Klein, reporter, Education Week; Bethany Little, managing partner, America Achieves; and Michael Q. McShane, research fellow, AEI.
Time and Location: 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.; AEI, 1150 17th Street, NW, 12th Floor, Washington, DC.

International Science and Engineering Meeting
Subject: The National Science Foundation’s (NSF) Advisory Committee for International Science and Engineering to hold a meeting.
Time and Location: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.; NSF, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Stafford Room II, Arlington, VA.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2014
College Access
Subject: College For Every Student (CFES) will host their national conference, “One Million More,” from November 7-8.
Participants: Rick Dalton, president, CFES; David Brooks, columnist, New York Times; Andrew Rossi, producer of the Ivory Tower; Judge Glenda Hatchett; school teams; students involved in CFES’ program; parents; and others.
Location: Hilton Burlington Hotel, 60 Battery Street, Burlington, VT.
Contact: Register at: http://www.collegefes.org/global-summit/%20-VBCrP8KwI1Q#.VE2P_qx0y1s.

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On The Floor This Week
Senate Floor:
The Senate will be in recess until November 12.

House Floor:
The House will be in recess until November 12.

Bills to Watch

ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ACT (ESEA)
S. 1094 Sponsor: Sen. Tom Harkin (D-IA)
Strengthening American Schools Act of 2013 to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (6/12/13 passed by Senate HELP Committee)

Student Success Act to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (6/19/13 passed by House Ed and Workforce Committee)

STRENGTHENING EDUCATION THROUGH RESEARCH ACT
H.R. 4366 Sponsor: Rep. Todd Rokita (R-IN)
Strengthening Education through Research Act (09/17/14 passed by Senate HELP Committee; 05/08/14 passed by House Education and the Workforce Committee)

SIMPLIFYING THE APPLICATION FOR STUDENT AID ACT
H.R. 4982 Sponsor: Rep. Larry Bucshon (R-IN)
Simplifying the Application for Student Aid Act (06/26/14 referred to House Committee on Education and the Workforce)

STRENGTHENING TRANSPARENCY IN HIGHER EDUCATION ACT
H.R. 4983 Sponsor: Rep. Virginia Foxx (R-NC)
Strengthening Transparency in Higher Education Act (06/26/14 referred to House Committee on Education and the Workforce)

EMPOWERING STUDENTS THROUGH ENHANCED FINANCIAL COUNSELING ACT
H.R. 4984 Sponsor: Rep. Brett Guthrie (R-KY)
Empowering Students Through Enhanced Financial Counseling Act (06/26/14 referred to House Committee on Education and the Workforce)

HIGHER EDUCATION AFFORDABILITY ACT
Draft Sponsor: Sen. Tom Harkin (D-IA)
Higher Education Affordability Act (discussion draft of the bill, comments due to HELP Committee by 08/29/14)

AMERICA COMPETES REALAUTHORIZATION ACT
S. 2757 Sponsor: Sen. John Rockefeller (D-WV)
America Creating Opportunities to Meaningfully Promote Excellence in Technology, Education, and Science Reauthorization Act of 2014 (07/31/14 referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation)
H.R. 4186  
Sponsor: Rep. Larry Bucshon (R-IN)  
Frontiers in Innovation, Research, Science and Technology Act of 2014  
(03/10/14 reported out of committee by voice vote)

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

U.S. House of Representatives 2013 Schedule:
http://majorityleader.gov/calendar/113thCongressFirstSession.pdf

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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