This Week in Washington

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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2013

Higher Education and the Workforce

Subject: The College Summit hosts a luncheon to celebrate the release of a new whitepaper, Smart Shoppers, and panelists will discuss the importance of making good postsecondary choices and the impact on the U.S. workforce pipeline.

Participants: J.B. Schramm, Founder, College Summit; Bill Eggers, Research Director, Deloitte; Jamie Studley, Deputy Under Secretary, U.S. Department of Education; Kelvin Womack, Principal, Deloitte; Carroll McGillin, Senior Manager, Cisco U.S. Public Sector, Education; Andy Rotherham, Co-founder, Bellwether Education; and Catherine Foca, Vice President of the Capital One Foundation.

Time and Location: 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.; National Press Club, 529 14th Street NW, Washington, DC.

Contact: Register at: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?fromEmail=true&formkey=dFh2eUtianBVMXgxN19QXkWeW9CY2c6MA.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2013

Planetary Science Subcommittee Meeting

Subject: The National Aeronautics and Space Administration holds a meeting by teleconference and webex of the Planetary Science Subcommittee of the NASA Advisory Council.
**Agenda:** Planetary science division update; and Government Performance and Results Act presentation and scoring.

**Time and Location:** 11:00 a.m.

**Contact:** Ann Delo, 202-358-0750, ann.b.delo@nasa.gov.

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**Tooling the U.S. Bioeconomy**

**Subject:** The American Chemical Society holds a discussion on "Tooling the U.S. Bioeconomy: Synthetic Biology."

**Participants:** Anne-Marie Mazza, National Academy of Sciences; Rob Carlson, Biodesic; Mary Maxon Lawrence, Berkeley National Laboratory; Darlene Solomon, Agilent Technologies; and Christopher Voigt, Editor-in-Chief, ACS Synthetic Biology, Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

**Time and Location:** 12:00 p.m., SVC-212/10, Capitol Visitors Center.

**Contact:** Darcy Gentleman, 202-872-8061, d_gentleman@acs.org, register at bit.ly/1bX15x6.

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**College Completion Rates**

**Subject:** The Hatcher Group hosts a webinar titled, "Completion Management: Using Aid and Price to Improve Results" to discuss how institutions can optimize internal financial aid and tuition policies for the best possible student outcomes.

**Participants:** Nate Johnson, Principal Consultant, Postsecondary Analytics, LLC; Susan Harkins, Program Director, The University of Texas at Austin; Thomas Melecki, Director, Student Financial Services, The University of Texas at Austin; Michael Mumper, Senior Vice President, Enrollment Management and Program Development, Adams State College; and Shirley Ort, Associate Provost, Director of Scholarships and Student Aid, UNC-Chapel Hill.

**Time and Location:** 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Contact:** Register at: https://thehatchergroup-events.webex.com/mw03071/mywebex/default.do?nomenu=true&siteurl=thehatchergroup-events&service=6&rnd=0.19970680905740068&main_url=https%3A%2F%2Fthehatchergroup-events.webex.com%2Fec0606l%2Feventcenter%2Fevent%2FeventAction.do%3FtheAction%3Ddetail%26confViewID%3D1004475153%26%26%26%26siteurl%3Dthethehatchergroup-events.

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**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2013**

**NSF Education and Human Resources Meeting**

**Subject:** The National Science Foundation holds a meeting of the Advisory Committee for Education and Human Resources to provide advice with respect to the Foundation’s STEM education and human resources programming.

**Agenda:** Remarks by the Committee Chair, Assistant Director, Education and Human Resources (EHR), NSF; brief updates on EHR and committee of visitor reports; presentation, discussion, and committee endorsement of subcommittee reports; and continued committee discussion of next steps for subcommittee reports.

**Time and Location:** 8:30 a.m., NSF, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 375, Arlington, VA.

**Contact:** Teresa Caravelli, 703-292-8600, tcaravel@nsf.gov.

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**America COMPETES Act Reauthorization**

**Subject:** The Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee holds a hearing titled, "America COMPETES: Science and the U.S. Economy," on the reauthorization of the America COMPETES Act and federal research and development investments.

**Witnesses:** Senator Lamar Alexander (R-TN), Ranking Member, Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions; Kelvin Droegemeier, Vice Chairman, National Science Board, Professor of Meteorology, University of Oklahoma; Saul Perlmutter, Professor of Physics, University of California, Berkeley, Senior Scientist, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory; Maria Klawe, President, Harvey Mudd College; and Stephen Tang, President and CEO, University City Science Center.
Time and Location: 2:30 p.m., 253 Russell Senate Office Building. 
Contact: 202-224-0411, commerce.senate.gov.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2013
None.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2013
None.

On The Floor This Week

Senate
S. 815 - Employment Non-Discrimination Act of 2013

House
In recess.

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)


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
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