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Weekly Calendar

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2014
Astronomy and Astrophysics Advisory Committee
Subject: The National Science Foundation’s (NSF) Astronomy and Astrophysics Advisory Committee to hold a public meeting from November 17-18.
Time and Location: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.; NSF, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Stafford II, Room 555, Arlington, VA.

Graduate Student Retention
Subject: COREHEG and the World Bank will host an event, “Student Retention in Tertiary Education: Policy and Programmatic Challenges and Solutions.”
Participant: Dr. Watson Scott Swail, president and CEO, Educational Policy Institute.
Time and Location: 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.; 1776 G Street, NW, Room G8-090, Washington, DC.
Contact: RSVP to: mlacdao@worldbank.org.

Poverty and Inequality Indicators
Subject: The Center for American Progress (CAP) will host an event, “Building Local Momentum for National Change: The 2014 Half in Ten Poverty and Inequality Indicators Report.”

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Participants: Neera Tanden, counselor, CAP Action Fund, president, CAP; Wade Henderson, president and CEO, The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights; Sister Simone Campbell, executive director, NETWORK; Virgil Pack, Richmond, VA; Julie Menin, commissioner, New York City Department of Consumer Affairs, NY; Debbie Weinstein, executive director, Coalition on Human Needs; and Melissa Boteach, vice president of Half in Ten, CAP Action Fund.

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

Contact: Register at: app.mx3.americanprogressaction.org/e/er?s=785&lid=163056&elq=4603a82d86094bfea16402dbc5b90a76.

NSF FY15 Webinar Series
Subject: The National Science Foundation (NSF) will host a series of webinars to inform researchers about opportunities to submit proposals to the Education and Human Resources’ Core Research program for fiscal year 2015.

Time: 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Contact: Register at: http://nsf.gov/events/event_summ.jsp?cntn_id=133271&org=NSF.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2014
TRIO Student Support Services
Subject: The Council for Opportunity in Education (COE) will host a briefing, “TRIO Student Support Services: Transforming Opportunity into Outcomes.”

Participants: Charlene Dukes, president, Prince George’s Community College, Largo, MD; Marisa Mendoza, former director of TRIO Student Support Services, Haskell Indian Nations University, Lawrence KS; Leonel Castellano, MBA Candidate and Student Support Services Alumnus, Washington State University, Pullman, WA; Breanna Olson, student, St. Olaf College, St. Olaf, MN; and Daniel Connel, assistant vice president, Morehead State University, Morehead, KY.

Time and Location: 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.; 212-10 SVC.

Contact: Register at: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1Zdl2_D0qPAGkBdhuhB-0E4ov-eC-MkZAq8VoyY6qxuc/viewform.

Neuroscience Forum
Subject: The Society for Neuroscience will hold a public advocacy forum, “Implications for Science Funding in an Era of Global Brain Initiatives.”

Participants: Anne Young, MD, PhD; Sarah J. Caddick, PhD; Miyoung Chun, PhD; William T. Newsome, PhD; and Hideyuki Okano, MD, PhD.

Time and Location: 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.; Society for Neuroscience, 1121 14th Street, NW, Room 201, Washington, DC.

Contact: RSVP at: advocacy@sfn.org.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2014
National Science Board Meeting
Subject: The National Science Board will hold a webcast of their public meeting from November 19-20.

Time: 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Contact: View the agenda and webcast at: http://nsf.gov/events/event_summ.jsp?cntn_id=129248&org=NSF.

Closing the Skills Gap
Subject: The U.S. Chamber of Commerce will host an event, “Talent Pipeline Management: A New Approach to Closing the Skills Gap.”

Participants: Julian Alssid, chief workforce strategist, College for America at Southern New Hampshire University; John Barge, State School Superintendent, GA; Greg Bashore, global
director, Talent Acquisition and Workforce Development, Alcoa; Joseph Fuller, senior lecturer, Harvard Business School; William Hansen, president and CEO, USA Funds; Peter Hutchinson, management and consulting strategy lead for state, provincial and local government, Accenture; Ray Laughter, vice chancellor, external affairs, Lone Star College System; John R. McKernan, Jr., president, U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation; Darlene Miller, president and CEO, Permac Industries; Bob Sheets, research professor, George Washington University Institute of Public Policy; Ellyn Shook, chief human resources officer, Accenture; Danny Vargas, president, VARCom Solutions, LLC; and Tim Welsh, senior vice president, Industry Strategy, Apollo Education Group.

**Time and Location:** 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.; 1615 H Street, NW, Washington, DC.

**Contact:** Register at: [https://www.regonline.com/register/login.aspx?eventID=1626838&MethodId=0&EventsessionId=](https://www.regonline.com/register/login.aspx?eventID=1626838&MethodId=0&EventsessionId=).

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2014**

**College Completion**

**Subject:** The Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP) will host an event, “Helping Low-Income Students Cross the Finish Line: Innovations that Support College Completion.”

**Participants:** Olivia Golden, executive director, CLASP; Michael Baston, vice president of student affairs, LaGuardia Community College; Jared Bernstein, senior fellow, Center on Budget Policy Priorities; Amy Ellen Duke-Benfield, senior policy analyst, CLASP; and Derek Price, president and principal, DVP-Praxis, LTD.

**Time and Location:** 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.; 550 C Street, SW, Washington, DC.

**Contact:** Register at: [http://org2.salsalabs.com/o/5728/p/salsa/event/common/public/?event_KEY=72531](http://org2.salsalabs.com/o/5728/p/salsa/event/common/public/?event_KEY=72531).

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2014**

None.

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**On The Floor This Week**

**Senate Floor:**

*S.1086* - the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 2014

**House Floor:**

**H.R. 3608** – Grand Portage Band Per Capita Adjustment Act

**H.R. 4012** – Secret Science Reform Act of 2014

**H.R. 4049** – Ashland Breakwater Light Transfer Act

**H.R. 5040** – Idaho County Shooting Range Land Conveyance Act

**H.R. 5069** – Federal Duck Stamp Act of 2014

**H.R. 5162** – To amend the Act entitled "An Act to allow a certain parcel of land in Rockingham County, Virginia, to be used for a child care center" the use restriction, and for other purposes

**H.R. 5441** – To amend the Federal charter of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States to reflect the service of women in the Armed Forces of the United States

**H.R. 5448** – John F. Kennedy Center Reauthorization Act of 2014
H.R. 5544 – Low-Dose Radiation Research Act of 2014

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)

H.R. 5
Sponsor: Rep. John Kline (R-MN)
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 REAUTHORIZATION 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)
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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