MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2013

**Competency-Based Education**

**Subject:** The New America Foundation hosts an event titled, “A Natural Fit? Community Colleges and Competency-Based Education.”

**Participants:** Amy Laitinen, Deputy Director for Higher Education, New America Foundation; Eric Seleznow, Acting Assistant Secretary, Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor; Sally Johnston, Vice President of Academic Advancement, Western Governors University; Jerrilee Mosier, Chancellor, Ivy Tech Community College, Northeast; Jean Hernandez, President, Edmonds Community College; Linda Howdyshell, Provost, Broward College; Dan Phelan, President, Jackson Community College; Jay Box, Chancellor, Kentucky Community and Technical College System; Belle Wheelan, President, Southern Association of Colleges and Schools; and Louis Soares, Vice President, Policy Research and Strategy, American Council on Education.

**Time and Location:** 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., New America Foundation, 1899 L Street, NW, Suite 400, Washington, DC.

**Contact:** RSVP at: [http://www.newamerica.net/events/2013/a_natural_fit](http://www.newamerica.net/events/2013/a_natural_fit).

**Improving Innovation**

**Subject:** The American Chemical Society hosts a briefing on "Leak-Proofing the Innovation Pipeline."
Participants: Christopher Austin, Director, National Center for Advancing Translational Medicine; John Freisinger, President and CEO, Technology Ventures Corporation; Linda Molnar, Executive Consultant, LKM Strategic Consulting; Alan Waggoner, Director, Department of Biological Sciences at Carnegie Mellon University; and Anthony Boccanfuso, Executive Director, University-Industry Demonstration Partnership.

Time and Location: 12:00 p.m., B-369 Rayburn House Office Building.

Contact: Darcy Gentleman, 202-872-8061, D_Gentleman@acs.org.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2013

Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act

Subject: The House Committee on Education and the Workforce holds a hearing titled, “Preparing Today’s Students for Tomorrow’s Jobs: Improving the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act.”

Witnesses: Brenda Dann-Messier, Assistant Secretary for Adult and Vocational Education, Department of Education; Stanley S. Litow, Vice President, Corporate Citizenship & Corporate Affairs, President, IBM International Foundation; Blake Flanders, Vice President of Workforce Development, Kansas Board of Regents; and Dr. Bryan Albrecht, President, Gateway Technical College.

Time and Location: 10:00 a.m., 2175 Rayburn House Office Building.

Contact: For inquiries about the hearing, call 202-225-4527.

Student Loans

Subject: American Student Assistance holds a panel discussion titled, “The Future of Student Loan Debt: How Can We Turn the Tide and Help Borrowers Thrive?”

Participants: Paul Combe, CEO, ASA; Lindsey Burke, the Heritage Foundation; Jennifer Wang, Young Invincibles; and Libby Nelson, Politico Pro.

Time and Location: 12:00 p.m., 203 Capitol Visitors Center.

Contact: For more information, call 800-999-9080 or email webmaster@asa.org.

21st Century Global Skills

Subject: The Alliance for Excellent Education and the Asia Society hosts a webinar titled, “Advancing Global Competency: Assessing Student Learning of Twenty-First-Century Skills” to discuss findings in the October 2013 RAND report.

Participants: Laura Hamilton, PhD, Senior Behavior Scientist, RAND Corporation; Mariana Haynes, PhD, Senior Fellow, Alliance for Excellent Education; Anthony Jackson, PhD, Vice President for Education, Asia Society; and Gen Ling Chang, Associate Director, Toronto District School Board.

Time and Location: 1:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

Contact: Register at: http://all4ed.org/webinar/nov-19-2013/.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2013

None.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2013

Science and Technology Presidential Advisory Council

Subject: The Energy Department holds a meeting of the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology.

Agenda: 9:30 a.m.: Briefing from speakers who will provide information on privacy and other topics, along with updates on studies of education information technology and cyber-security. 12:00 p.m.: Discussion on national defense or foreign policy matters at the White House.

Time and Location: 9:30 a.m.; National Academy of Sciences, 2101 Constitution Avenue NW, Lecture Room, Washington, D.C.

Contact: Marjory Blumenthal, 202-456-4444, mblumenthal@ostp.eop.gov.
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2013

None.

On The Floor This Week

**Senate**

*H.R. 3204* – Drug Quality and Security Act  

**House**

*H.R. 2728* – Protecting States’ Rights to Promote American Energy Security Act  
*H.R. 1900* – Natural Gas Pipeline Permitting Reform Act

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).

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

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

U.S. Senate 2013 Schedule:  
[http://www.senate.gov/pagelayout/legislative/one_item_and_teasers/2013_schedule.htm](http://www.senate.gov/pagelayout/legislative/one_item_and_teasers/2013_schedule.htm)


U.S. Senate Budget Committee: [http://www.budget.senate.gov](http://www.budget.senate.gov)


Congressional Budget Office: [http://www.cbo.gov](http://www.cbo.gov)

Federal legislative information: [http://thomas.loc.gov](http://thomas.loc.gov)

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