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**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2012**

**For-profit Schools and Federal Education Policy**

**Subject:** The American Enterprise Institute hosts a discussion about the intersection of federal policy and for-profits in federal education.

**Participants:** Frederick M. Hess, Director, Education Policy Studies, AEI; Stacey Childress, Gates Foundation; Michael B. Horn, Inosight Institute; Raquel Whiting Gilmer, Learn It Systems; and Chris Whittle, Avenues: The World School.

**Time and Location:** 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., AEI, 1150 Seventeenth Street, NW, 12th Floor, Washington, D.C.


**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2012**

**Excellence in Action National Summit on Education Reform**

**Subject:** Jeb Bush and the Foundation for Excellence in Education host the 5th annual Excellence in Action National Summit on Education Reform from November 27-28. During the two-day event, participants will attend briefings, discussions and debates on the latest research,
pilot programs and proven policies for raising student achievement.

**Participants:** To include - Jeb Bush, Former Governor, Florida; Dr. Condoleezza Rice, Former US Secretary of State; Joel Klein, Former Chancellor, New York City's public schools; Dr. Richard Haass, President, Council on Foreign Relations; David Coleman, President and CEO, College Board; and Mitch Daniels, Former Governor, Indiana.

**Time and Location:** 8:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., JW Marriott, 1331 Pennsylvania Ave NW, Washington, D.C.

**Contact:** Jaryn Emhof, 850-391-4090, Jaryn@ExcelinEd.org.

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**The Future of Higher Education**

**Subject:** The Governance Studies Program at the Brookings Institution and Northeastern University host an event on higher education innovation to examine the results of a new national survey commissioned by Northeastern about Americans’ attitudes toward the future of higher education.

**Participants:** Darrell West, Vice President and Director, Governance Studies, The Brookings Institution; Joseph E. Aoun, President, Northeastern University; Representative George Miller (D-CA), Ranking Member, House Education and the Workforce Committee; Edward J. Reilly, Global Chief CEO, FTI Consulting; David Leonhardt, Washington Bureau Chief, The New York Times; Michael Horn, Co-Founder, Innosight Institute; Molly Broad, President, American Council on Education; Daphne Koller, Co-Founder, Coursera; and Prateek Tandon, Economist, World Bank.

**Time and Location:** 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., The Brookings Institution, Falk Auditorium, 1775 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C.

**Contact:** To register to attend in person: https://www.cvent.com/events/innovation-imperative-the-future-of-higher-education/registration-deb9fbccca7d4745a2b40d6d369ba906.aspx. To register for the webcast: https://www.cvent.com/events/live-webcast-innovation-imperative-the-future-of-higher-education/registration-8dd72d62c0c144e989d7d90bd7be7fe8.aspx.

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**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2012**

**NASA Earth Science Review**

**Subject:** The National Aeronautics and Space Administration holds a meeting of the Earth Science Subcommittee of the NASA Advisory Council to discuss the Earth Science Division and key issues; the Decadal Survey; Earth Science Division Airborne Science Program issues; and the NASA Science Data Center Study.

**Time and Location:** 8:30 a.m., NASA Headquarters, 300 E Street SW, Room 9H40, Washington, D.C.

**Contact:** Marian Norris, 202-358-4452, mnorris@nasa.gov.

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**Data and Higher Education**

**Subject:** The American Institutes for Research hosts a briefing titled, "Deciding on a College, a Major and a Debt Load: Giving Students the Data They Need to Make Sound Choices."

**Participants:** Jeff Selingo, Editor-at-Large, Chronicle of Higher Education; Jamie P. Merisotis, President and CEO, Lumina Foundation; Mark Schneider, Vice President, AIR and President, College Measures; Nicole Farmer Hurd, Founder and Executive Director, National College Advising Corps; Richard G. Rhoda, Executive Director, Tennessee Higher Education Commission; and Robert Templin, President, Northern Virginia Community College.

**Time and Location:** 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m., National Press Club, 529 14th Street, NW, Zenger Room, Washington, D.C.

**Contact:** RSVP to: lkline@wp LLC.net.

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**Space Weather Prediction**

**Subject:** The House Science, Space and Technology Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics hosts a hearing on "National Priorities for Solar and Space Physics Research and Applications for Space Weather Prediction.”
Witnesses: Daniel Baker, Director, Laboratory for Atmospheric and Space Physics, Professor, Astrophysical and Planetary Sciences, University of Colorado, Boulder, and Chair, Decadal Survey in Solar and Space Physics, National Research Council; Charles Gay, Deputy Associate Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration’s Science Mission Directorate; and Laura Furgione, Acting Assistant Administrator, Weather Services, and Acting Director, National Weather Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

**Time and Location:** 10:00 a.m., 2318 Rayburn House Office Building.

**Contact:** 202-225-6371.

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**Sharing Data among States**

**Subject:** The Data Quality Campaign host a webinar on “Breaking Down State Silos: Meeting Policymakers’ Education Responsibilities Requires Multistate Data Solutions,” to discuss the challenges and lessons learned from efforts to date.

**Participants:** Aimee Guidera, Executive Director, DQC; Susan Heegaard, Vice President, Education, Bush Foundation and former Commissioner, Minnesota Office of Higher Education; Shawn Bay, eScholor; Lori Fey, Michael & Susan Dell Foundation; Marina Martin, US Department of Education; Mark Schneider, American Institutes for Research; Bob Swiggum, Georgia Department of Education; and Rick Torres, National Student Clearinghouse.

**Time and Location:** 2:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., Willard Hotel, 1401 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C.

**Contact:** Register at: [http://dqcmultistate.eventbrite.com/](http://dqcmultistate.eventbrite.com/).

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**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2012**

None.

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**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2012**

**Astronomy and Astrophysics Review**

**Subject:** The National Science Foundation holds a meeting of the Astronomy and Astrophysics Advisory Committee to hear presentations of current programming by representatives from NSF, NASA, DOE and other agencies relevant to astronomy and astrophysics; discuss current and potential areas of cooperation between the agencies; and formulate recommendations for continued and new areas of cooperation and the mechanisms for achieving them.

**Time and Location:** 8:30 a.m., National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Stafford I Building, Room 1235, Arlington, V.A.

**Contact:** Jim Ulvestad, 703-292-7165.

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**America’s Energy Potential**

**Subject:** The House Science, Space and Technology Subcommittee on Energy and Environment holds a hearing on “Tapping America’s Energy Potential through Research and Development.”

**Witnesses:** TBA.

**Time and Location:** 9:30 a.m., 2318 Rayburn House Office Building.

**Contact:** 202-225-6371.

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**The Role of the Knowledge Alliance**

**Subject:** The Knowledge Alliance hosts an Education Policy Forum to provide an introduction of their new Executive Director and discuss aspirations for improving education policy and practice in the context of the second Obama Administration.

**Participant:** Michele McLaughlin, President, Knowledge Alliance.

**Time and Location:** 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m., American Association of State Colleges and Universities, 1307 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C.

**Contact:** RSVP to: ctalbot@aera.net.

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On The Floor This Week

Senate
S. 3525 - Sportsmen Act of 2012

House
H.R. 6429 – STEM Jobs Act

Bills to Watch

FY2013 APPROPRIATIONS

House

FY2013 Budget Resolution (3/29/12 passed by House; 3/21/12 passed by House Budget Committee)

H.R.# Sponsor: Rep. Frank Wolf (R-VA)
FY2013 Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies Appropriations Act
(4/26/12 passed by House Appropriations Committee; 4/19/12 passed by House CJS Appropriations Subcommittee)

Senate

S.2323 Sponsor: Sen. Barbara Mikulski (D-MD)
FY2013 Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies Appropriations Act
(4/19/12 passed by Senate Appropriations Committee; 4/17/12 passed by Senate CJS Appropriations Subcommittee)

S.3295 Sponsor: Sen. Tom Harkin (D-IA)
FY2013 Labor, Health and Human Services and Education and Related Agencies Appropriations Act
(6/14/12 passed by Senate Appropriations Committee; 6/12/12 passed by Senate LHHS Appropriations Subcommittee)

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

U.S. House of Representatives 2010 Schedule:

U.S. Senate 2010 Schedule:
http://www.democrats.senate.gov/calendar/2010-01.html or
http://www.gpoaccess.gov/calendars/senate/browse.html


U.S. Senate Budget Committee: http://www.budget.senate.gov
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