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This Week in Washington

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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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MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2014
 NSF Accepting STEM Research Proposals
Subject: The National Science Foundation (NSF) will host a series of identical webinars (11/17, 11/25, 12/5 and 12/8) to inform researchers of opportunities to submit proposals to the Education & Human Resources (EHR) Core Research program announcement, especially in regards to STEM research.
Participant: Philis Hauser, assistant program director, NSF.
Time: 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Contact: Register at:
https://nsf.webex.com/mw0307l/mywebex/default.do?service=1&siteurl=nsf&nomenum=true&main_url=%2Fmc0806l%2Fe.do%3Fsiteurl%3Dnsf%26AT%3D%26EventID%3D294882357%26UID%3D0%26Host%3D1b87598012435f3b0b4e45%26FrameSet%3D2%26MTID%3Dm93641789c2dda834219c731fe33dcbc5.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2014
 STEM of the Future
Subject: The Atlantic will host an event, “Full STEM Ahead,” that will highlight recent innovations in STEM fields and discuss the STEM careers of the future.
Participants: Emily Akhtarzandi, managing director, AtlanticLIVE; Peter Beinart, contributing editor, The Atlantic; Bob Cohn, president and chief operating officer, The Atlantic;Aprille Ericsson, aeronautical engineer, NASA; David Etzwiler, chief executive officer, Siemens Foundation; Anthony Fauci, director, NIAID; David Frum, senior editor, The Atlantic; Dr. Gary May, dean, College of Engineering, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA; Stephanie Nguyen, co-founder, Silica Labs; Dr. Linda Rosen, CEO, Change the Equation; Frank Sesno, director, professor of media and public affairs and international affairs, The George Washington University, Washington, DC; and Dr. Russell Shilling, executive director of STEM initiatives, U.S. Department of Education.

Time and Location: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.; 805 21st Street, NW, Jack Morton Auditorium, Washington, DC.


Dynamic Scoring

Subject: The Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget will host a briefing, "A Discussion on Dynamic Scoring with Senator Rob Portman (R-OH) and Congressman Chris Van Hollen (D-MD)."

Participants: Senator Rob Portman (R-OH); Congressman Chris Van Hollen (D-MD); John Buckley, former chief of staff, Joint Committee on Taxation, Former Chief Democratic Tax Counsel, House Ways and Means Committee; Bob Carroll, former deputy assistant secretary, Treasury for Tax Analysis; Bob Dennis, former assistant director of the Macroeconomic Analysis Division, Congressional Budget Office (CBO); Scott Hodge, president, Tax Foundation; and Maya MacGuineas, president, Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget.

Time and Location: 12:15 p.m.; 1:45 p.m.; 428A Russell SOB.

Contact: Register at: http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07ea6cumgp50c03db7&llr=s mjrqlcab.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2014

Innovation in Mathematics Research and Education

Subject: The American Mathematical Society will host an event, "The Future of Mathematics: Education and Innovation."

Participants: Congressman Jerry McNerney (D-CA); and Robert Ghrist, professor, University of Pennsylvania.

Time and Location: 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.; 2168 Rayburn HOB.

Contact: RSVP to: amsdc@ams.org.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2014

None.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2014

None.

On The Floor This Week

Senate Floor:
Legislation Related to Funding Government Operations for Fiscal Year 2015

House Floor:
H.R. 5185 – EARLY Act Reauthorization of 2014
H.R. 5656 - Global Food Security Act of 2014
S. 1691 – Border Patrol Agent Pay Reform Act of 2014

Legislation Related to Funding Government Operations for Fiscal Year 2015

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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 Education 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; 4/8/2014 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
S. 2954 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)*

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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](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 Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions:  

U.S. House Committee on Education and Labor:  

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

U.S. House Budget Committee:  

Congressional Budget Office:  

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

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