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This Week in Washington, a weekly publication of WPLLC, provides an overview of upcoming events in Washington, D.C. affecting American education. Please use the bookmarks below to navigate to your area of interest.

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Weekly Calendar

Monday, December 12, 2016
Reducing Implicit Bias in STEM Fields
Subject: The American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) will hold a briefing, “Colloquium on Reducing Implicit Bias: A Discussion of Interagency Efforts to Increase Diversity in STEM.”
Participants: Dr. Jo Handelsman, associate director for science, Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP), The White House; Dr. Suzanne Iacono, Office of Integrative Activities, National Science Foundation (NSF); Brenda Manuel, associate administrator for diversity and equal opportunity, NASA; Dr. Susan Fiske, professor, Department of Psychology, Princeton University; and Dr. Celeste Rohlfing, chief operating officer, AAAS.
Time and Location: 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.; AAAS, 1200 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, DC.
Contact: Register here.

Tuesday, December 13, 2016
Employability Skills
Subject: The College and Career Readiness and Success Center will host a webinar, “Leveraging the Employability Skills Framework for Cross-Agency Collaboration.” To meet the demands of the 21st Century workforce, all students need to master employability skills. This webinar will highlight how the employability skills framework can provide a catalyst for collaboration across multiple state general and special education entities to improve post-school employment outcomes for all students.
Participants: Dwayne Hobbs, program manager, CTAE Delivery Unit, Georgia Department of Education; Helga Gilbert, Office for the Blind, Kentucky Career Center; and Tessie Bailey, senior technical assistant consultant, American Institutes for Research.
Time: 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Contact: Register here.
Wednesday, December 14, 2016

Higher Education Financing

Subject: The National Commission on Financing 21st Century Higher Education will host an event to release a new report, which includes in-depth analysis of higher education’s current challenges to provide long-term sustainable finance models and nine recommendations to move forward on building stronger partnerships among federal and state governments, the private sector and postsecondary institutions.

Time and Location: 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.; National Press Club, Murrow Room, 529 14th Street, NW, Washington, DC.

Contact: Register here.

Technology Policy and the Trump Administration

Subject: The Brookings Institution will hold an event, “Technology Policy and the Trump Administration.” The panel will discuss the future of technology policy in the areas of health information technology, telecommunications, competition, wireless issues, net neutrality, and cybersecurity.

Participants: Darrell M. West, vice president and director, Center for Technology Innovation; Stuart N. Brotman, nonresident senior fellow, Center for Technology Innovation; Susan Hennessey, fellow, Center for Technology Innovation; Nicol Turner-Lee, fellow, Center for Technology Innovation; and Niam Yaraghi, fellow, Center for Technology Innovation.

Time and Location: 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.; The Brookings Institution, 1775 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, DC.

Contact: Register here.

Thursday, December 15, 2016

None.

Friday, December 16, 2016

Opposing Cuts in the New Congress

Subject: The Coalition on Human Needs will hold an event, “The New Congress: How it Plans to Cut… And How to Fight Back.”

Participants: Ellen Nissenbaum, senior vice president for government affairs, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities; Deborah Weinstein, executive director, Coalition on Human Needs; and Ellen Teller, director of government affairs, Food Research and Action Center.

Time and Location: 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Contact: Register here.

Future Hearings and Events

Monday, December 19, 2016

College Completion for First Generation Students

Subject: The American Youth Policy Forum (AYPF) will hold a webinar, “Moving the Needle for First-Generation College Students: Innovative Strategies to Support Completion.”

Participants: Austin Buchan, executive director, College Forward; Krissy DeAlejandro, executive director, tnAchieves; and Ben Walizer, project director, Office of the President for Enrollment Management and Student Success, Georgia State University and fellow, University Innovation Alliance.

Time: 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 pm.

Contact: Register here.

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The Senate is in recess until January 3.

House Floor:
The House is in recess until January 3.

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**Bills to Watch**

**FY 2017 APPROPRIATIONS**

**H.R.5325** FY2017 Continuing Appropriations Act (9/28/16 Passed by House and Senate)

- **S. 2837** Sponsor: Sen. Richard Shelby (R-AL)

- **H.R. 5393** Sponsor: Rep. John Culberson (R-TX)

- **S. 3040** Sponsor: Sen. Roy Blunt (R-MO)
  Labor, Health and Human Services and Education Appropriations Act of FY 2017 (6/9/16 Passed by Appropriations Committee; 6/7/16 Passed by Subcommittee)

- **H.R. 5926** Sponsor: Rep. Tom Cole (R-OK)
  Labor, Health and Human Services and Education Appropriations Act of FY 2017 (7/14/16 Passed by Appropriations Committee; 7/7/16 Passed by Subcommittee)

- **H.R. 5538** Sponsor: Rep. Ken Calvert (R-CA)
  Interior and Environment Appropriations Act of FY 2017 (6/15/16 Passed by Appropriations Committee; 5/25/16 Passed by Subcommittee)

- **S.3068** Sponsor: Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-AK)
  Interior and the Environment Appropriations Act of FY2016 (6/16/2016 Passed by Appropriations Committee; 6/14/2016 Passed by Subcommittee)

**CARL D. PERKINS CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION ACT (PERKINS)**

**H.R. 5587** Sponsors: Representatives Glen Thompson (R-PA) and Katherine Clark (D-MA)
  Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act (9/13/16 Passed by House; 7/7/16 Passed by Education & Workforce Committee)

**JUVENILE JUSTICE DELINQUENCY PREVENTION ACT**

**H.R. 5963** Sponsors: Representatives Carlos Curbelo (R-FL) and Bobby Scott (D-VA)
  Supporting Youth Opportunity and Preventing Delinquency Act (9/22/2016 Passed by House; 9/14/16 Passed by Education & Workforce Committee)

- **S.1169** Sponsors: Senators Chuck Grassley (R-IA) and Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI)
  Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Reauthorization Act of 2015 (12/15/16 Passed by Judiciary Committee)
EDUCATION SCIENCES REFORM ACT (ESRA)
S. 227  Sponsor: Sen. Lamar Alexander (R-TN)
Strengthening Education through Research Act (12/17/15 Passed by Senate; 2/04/2015 Passed by HELP Committee)

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U.S. House Committee on Education and the Workforce
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