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This Week in Washington

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This Week in Washington, a weekly publication of BPAG, provides an overview of upcoming events in Washington, D.C. affecting CUR and its members. **Please use the bookmarks below to navigate to your area of interest.**

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Weekly Calendar

Key: E&S – Elementary & Secondary; **H** – Higher Education; **D** – Disability Policy

Monday, October 4, 2021

None.

Tuesday, October 5, 2021

Webinar: Future of Workforce Development (H)

Subject: Axios will hold a webinar on "The Future of Workforce Development," including "efforts to help workers attain better professional opportunities and the importance of reskilling workers in preparation for digital careers."

Participants: Senator Mark Warner (D-VA); Rep. Alma Adams (D-NC); Sara Fischer, media reporter, Axios; Kristin Burkhalter, senior vice president of events and creative strategy, Axios; Eleanor Cooper, CEO, Pathstream; and Mary Schmidt Campbell, president, Spelman College.

Time: 12:30 p.m.

Contact: Register [here](#).

Webinar: Building a Foundation for Student Well-Being and Success (H)

Subject: *U.S. News & World Report* will hold a webinar on "Building a Foundation for Student Well-Being and Success, focusing on "programs to increase diversity and inclusion, address student mental health needs, improve campus safety, and equip future grads with in-demand job skills."

Participants: Michael Morella, managing editor, Events, *U.S. News & World Report* (Moderator); Rob Buelow, senior vice president of impact, Vector Solutions; Shawnte Elbert, associate vice president of health and well-being, Ohio State University; Terry Martinez, vice president and dean of students,

Hamilton College; and Timothy Renick, executive director, Georgia State University's National Institute for Student Success.

Time: 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Contact: Register [here](#).

Webinar: Investing in Skills Training (E&S, H)

Subject: The National Skills Coalition will host a webinar to discuss the critical role of investments in skills training for workers, employers, and an inclusive economic recovery.

Participants: Gina Raimondo, secretary, U.S. Department of Commerce; Andy Van Kleunen, CEO, National Skills Coalition; Chandler Morse, head of North America public policy, Workday; Carolyn Lee, executive director, The Manufacturing Institute at the National Association of Manufacturers; and Sekou Siby, executive director, Restaurant Opportunities Center United.

Time: 4:00 p.m.

Contact: Register [here](#).

Wednesday, October 6, 2021

Hearing: House Education and Labor Subcommittee on Contributions of HCBU's (H)

Subject: The House Education and Labor Higher Education and Workforce Investment Subcommittee will hold a hearing on "Homecoming: The Historical Roots and Continued Contributions of Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs).

Time: 12:00 p.m.

Contact: Live stream available [here](#).

Thursday, October 7, 2021

Webinar: Postsecondary Pathways and Higher Education Access (H)

Subject: The Hunt Institute will host a webinar to discuss changes to the way higher education institutions are supporting students who are seeking access to higher education in light of the pandemic and how those changes might stay to narrow equity gaps.

Participants: Ginger Ostro, executive director, Illinois Board of Higher Education; Michele Siqueros, president, Campaign for College Opportunity; and Kayla Elliot, director of higher education policy, The Education Trust.

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Contact: Register [here](#).

Webinar: Supporting Community College Students with Quality Jobs (H)

Subject: New America will host a webinar to discuss jobs for students in community colleges and policies and strategies to facilitate better access to jobs for these students.

Participants: Mary Alice McCarthy, director, Center on Education and Labor, New America; Pam Eddinger, president, Bunker Hill Community College; Jee Hang Lee, vice president for public policy and external relations, Association of Community College Trustees; and Ivy Love, senior policy analyst, Center on Education and Labor, New America.

Time: 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Contact: Register [here](#).

Friday, October 8, 2021

Webinar: Leveraging Federal Funds to Support Digital Inclusion (E&S, H)

Subject: The Schools, Health & Libraries Broadband Coalition will hold a webinar with local, state, and federal experts who will provide shared perspectives into how funding and legislation is changing the digital inclusion landscape, how stakeholders should consider leveraging the funds, and what still needs to be done to close the digital divide.

Participants: Angela Bennett, administrative director, DigitalC; Amy Huffman, policy director, National Digital Inclusion Alliance (NDIA); Jenna Leventoff, senior policy counsel, Public Knowledge; and Olivia Wein, staff attorney, National Consumer Law Center.

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Contact: Register [here](#).

Future Hearings and Events

Wednesday, October 13, 2021

Agency Meeting: Financial Literacy Education Commission (E&S, H)

Subject: The Financial Literacy and Education Commission (FLEC) will hold a meeting to discuss the latest efforts of federal agencies to support financial literacy and education.

Time: 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Contact: Live stream available [here](#).

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Senate Floor:

[S.1301](#) – the legislative vehicle to suspend the debt limit
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Possible consideration of [Senate Amendment to H.R. 3684](#) – Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act
Possible Consideration of the Build Back Better Act (Reconciliation bill)

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