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This Week in Washington

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

Monday, October 25, 2021
None.

Tuesday, October 26, 2021
Markup: Senate HELP Committee (E&S, H, D)
Subject: The Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee will hold a markup to vote on the nominations of Michael D. Smith to be CEO of the Corporation for National and Community Service; Jose Javier Rodriguez to be Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training at the Department of Labor; Sandra D. Bruce to be Inspector General of the Education Department; and Amy Loyd to be Assistant Secretary for Career and Technical Education at the Department of Education.
Time: 10:00 a.m.; 216 Hart SOB.
Contact: Live stream available here.

Webinar: Expanding Computer Science for a Technologically Advancing World (E&S, H)
Subject: The Brookings Institution will hold a webinar on “Expanding Computer Science Education for a Technologically Advancing World.”
Participants: Michael Hansen, senior fellow, Brown Center on Education Policy, Brookings (Moderator); Hadi Partovi, CEO, Code.Org; Emiliana Vegas, co-director, Center for Universal Education, Brookings; Maria Florencia Ripani, director, Fundacion Ceibal; Panuakdet Suwannatat, researcher, King Mongkut's
University of Technology Thonburi; and Sue Sentence, director, Raspberry Pi Computer Education Research Center, University of Cambridge.

**Time:** 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

**Contact:** Register [here](#).

**Webinar: Atlantic Education Summit (E&S, H, D)**

**Subject:** The Atlantic will hold its virtual education summit to gather education leaders to explore how to better equip all students with the skills needed for success in the pandemic era.

**Participants:** Miguel Cardona, secretary, U.S. Department of Education; Melissa Connelly, CEO, OneGoal; Daisy Gonzales, acting chancellor, California Community Colleges; Adam Harris, staff writer, *The Atlantic*; Sara Hebel, co-founder and executive editor, Open Campus; Kaya Henderson, founder and CEO, Reconstruction; and more.

**Time:** 11:00 a.m.

**Contact:** Register [here](#).

**Wednesday, October 27, 2021**

**Hearing: House Education and Labor Committee on Federal Student Aid Office (H)**

**Subject:** The House Education and Labor Higher Education and Workforce Investment Subcommittee will hold a hearing on "Examining the Policies and Priorities of the Office of Federal Student Aid."

**Witness:** Richard Cordray, chief operating officer, Office of Federal Student Aid, U.S. Department of Education.

**Time:** 10:15 a.m.

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

**Thursday, October 28, 2021**

**Webinar: Investing in America’s Best Colleges (H)**

**Subject:** New America will host a webinar to discuss potential new higher education spending currently being negotiated in Congress and the impact of the federal government’s efforts to reward institutions that do the most to help low-and-moderate income students get ahead.

**Participants:** James Kvaal, undersecretary, U.S. Department of Education; Sonali Nijhawan, director, AmeriCorps State and National; Karrie G. Dixon, CEO and chancellor, Elizabeth City State University; and Jamie Merisotis, president and CEO, Lumina Foundation.

**Time:** 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

**Contact:** Register [here](#).

**Friday, October 29, 2021**

None.

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**Future Hearings and Events**

**Tuesday, November 2, 2021**

**Webinar: College in High School Programs (E&S, H)**

**Subject:** The College in High School Alliance and the Data Quality Campaign will host a webinar to examine programs such as dual enrollment, concurrent enrollment, and early college high school, and the benefits to students.

**Participants:** Jennifer Bell-Ellwanger, president & CEO, Data Quality Campaign (Moderator); Austin Estes, data & research manager, Advance CTE; Tari Lambert, director, Transfer Indiana, Indiana Commission for Higher Education; Scott U’Sellis, academic program manager, Kentucky Department of Education; and Michael Vente, chief performance officer, Colorado Department of Higher Education.

**Time:** 2:00 p.m.

**Contact:** Register [here](#).

**Wednesday, November 3, 2021**

**Agency Meeting: NSF EHR Advisory Meeting (H)**
Subject: The National Science Foundation will host a meeting of the Advisory Committee for Education and Human Resources (EHR) to discuss the new directorate for technology, innovation, and partnerships and how to better develop and leverage partnerships in STEM higher education.
Time: 12:00 p.m.
Contact: Register here.

On The Floor This Week

Senate Floor:
Consideration of judicial and agency nominations

House Floor:
H.R. 2119 – Family Violence Prevention and Services Improvement Act of 2021
Possible Consideration of the Senate Amendment to H.R. 3684 – Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act
Possible Consideration of the Build Back Better Act
Possible Consideration of H.R. 3992 – Protect Older Job Applicants Act of 2021

COVID-19 Related Bills
H.R. 1319 - American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (3/11/21 Signed by President)

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