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.

Weekly Calendar

**Monday, May 27, 2019**
Memorial Day – Federal Holiday.

**Tuesday, May 28, 2019**
**Examining the Relationship Between Education and Health (E&S, H, D)**
**Subject:** The Bipartisan Policy Center will host an event on "Education and Health: Twin Pillars for Thriving Students."
**Participants:** Senator Bill Frist (R-TN), former U.S. Senate Majority Leader; John King, president and CEO, The Education Trust; Pedro Rivera, Secretary of Education, State of Pennsylvania; and Rochelle Davis, president and CEO, Healthy Schools Campaign.
**Time and Location:** 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.; Bipartisan Policy Center, 1225 Eye Street, NW, Suite 1000, Washington, D.C.
**Contact:** RSVP [here](#).
**Wednesday, May 29, 2019**

**Hill Briefing: The Challenges of Workforce Retraining in STEM Fields (H)**

**Subject:** The STEM Education Coalition will host a briefing to discuss a range of policy areas related to bringing more people into the STEM workforce with “near” skills, meaning those who would be able to gain employment or improve their employability through short-term educational opportunities, on-the-job training, stackable credentials, 2-year degrees, and other non-traditional pathways.

**Participants:** Karen Horting, CEO, Society of Women Engineers; Dr. Terri Taylor Chambers, director of learning and career development, American Chemical Society; Jared Solomon, Maryland House of Delegates; Nicole Isaac, director of North America policy, LinkedIn; and James Brown, executive director, STEM Education Coalition.

**Time and Location:** 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.; 2325 Rayburn HOB.

**Contact:** RSVP here.

**Debating the Cause Behind Higher Education Costs and Potential Solutions (H)**

**Subject:** The Cato Institute will host an event on "Why is College So Pricey? Theories Compete!"

**Participants:** Douglas Webber, professor of economics, Temple University; Jason Delisle, resident fellow, American Enterprise Institute; Eric Kelderman, senior reporter, *Chronicle of Higher Education*; and Neal McCluskey, director, Cato Center for Educational Freedom.

**Time and Location:** 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.; Cato Institute, Hayek Auditorium, 1000 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C.

**Contact:** RSVP here.

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**Thursday, May 30, 2019**

**Webinar: Understanding the Basics of the Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program (H)**

**Subject:** The Department of Education’s Federal Student Aid (FSA) office will host a webinar to discuss key components of the Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) Program, including its criteria and information on the loan forgiveness process.

**Time:** 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Contact:** RSVP hereby 1:00 p.m. on May 30th.

**Friday, May 31, 2019**

None.

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**Future Hearings and Events**

**Tuesday, June 4, 2019**


**Subject:** International Baccalaureate will host an event to discuss methods for “Empowering Students to Navigate an Evolving Economy.”

**Participants:** Kevin Hudson, assistant director of college opportunity, Princeton University; Shannon Jeffries, college counselor, DC International School, Washington, D.C.; Marie Vivas, senior development manager, International Baccalaureate; and Phillip Evans, development specialist, International Baccalaureate.

**Time and Location:** 10:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.; IB Global Centre, 7501 Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 200, Bethesda, MD.

**Contact:** Register here.

**Hill Briefing: Libraries Advance Literacy and Prevent the Summer Slide (E&S, H)**
Subject: The American Library Association (ALA) will host a briefing to examine how libraries are supplementing school curriculum, both in and out of the classroom, and discuss opportunities for robust partnerships with libraries as community anchor institutions.

Participants: Liana Heitin Loewus, assistant managing editor, Education Week (Moderator); Elizabeth Rush, library specialist, Northside Independent School District Library Services, San Antonio, TX; Jo Guidice, director of libraries, City of Dallas, TX; and Nawaid Ladak, legislative assistant, Office of Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson (D-TX).

Time and Location: 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.; 2325 Rayburn HOB. Lunch will be provided on first come first serve basis.

Contact: RSVP here by May 29th.

Hill Briefing: The Role of Student Experience in Postsecondary Completion (H)

Subject: The Mindset Scholars Network, EducationCounsel, and the Raikes Foundation will host a briefing to explore the impact of the student experience on academic success and degree completion in postsecondary education.

Participants: Lisa Quay, executive director, Mindset Scholars Network (Moderator); Claude Steel, professor of psychology, Stanford University; Mary Murphy, professor of psychology and associate vice provost for diversity and inclusion, Indiana University; and Greg Walton, associate professor of psychology and the Michael Forman University Fellow of Undergraduate Education, Stanford University.

Time and Location: 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.; 385 Russell SOB.

Contact: RSVP here.

Wednesday, June 5, 2019

Hill Briefing: The Role of Teacher Leaders (E&S, H)

Subject: The National Institute for Excellence in Teaching (NIET) will host a briefing to discuss how to create and invest in teacher leadership roles. In addition, NIET will release a new paper about investing in teacher leadership and ideas for how to make job-embedded professional development and coaching a reality in every school.

Participants: David Cleary, chief of staff, Senator Lamar Alexander (R-TN) (Opening Remarks); Candice McQueen, CEO, NIET (Moderator); Robert Behning, IN State Assembly; Pat Mapes, superintendent, Perry Townships Schools, IN; Christina Jamison, teacher leader, Grand Prairie High School, TX; Roberto Rodriguez, president and CEO, TeachPlus; Ryan Wise, director, IA Department of Education; and Ross Wiener, executive director, Education and Society Program, Aspen Institute.

Time and Location: 10:00 a.m.; 430 Dirksen SOB.

Contact: For more information go to: www.niet.org.

Webinar: The Ed-Tech Summit: Cutting Through the Hype, Learning Valuable Lessons (E&S, H, D)

Subject: Education Week will host a webinar to discuss the challenges facing ed-tech leaders and innovators.

Time: 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Contact: RSVP here.

Webinar: Forecasting Governor Education Priorities: What State Boards Need to Know (E&S, H)

Subject: The National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) will host a webinar to examine the ways state board members can work with their governors to collectively advance equity and excellence in education.

Participants: Jennifer Thomsen, Education Commission of the States; Lauren Freemire, Education Commission of the States; Stephen Parker, National Governor’s Association; Joseph Hedger, NASBE; and Abigail Potts, NASBE.

Time: 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Contact: RSVP here.

Thursday, June 6, 2019
A Conversation on High School Credit Recovery (H)

**Subject:** The American Enterprise Institute (AEI) will host an event to highlight how credit recovery can either give students a second chance to stay on track for graduation or threaten school cultures and lower expectations for the most disadvantaged students and the schools that serve them.

**Participants:** Danielle Cox-Jones, Chicago Public Schools; Nat Malkus, AEI; Nick Sproull, National Collegiate Athletic Association; and Cheryl Vedoe, Apex Learning.

**Time and Location:** 5:00 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.; AEI Auditorium, 1789 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Washington, D.C.

**Contact:** RSVP here.

Tuesday, June 11, 2019


**Subject:** The Council for Economic Education, in conjunction with the House Financial Literacy Caucus, will hold an event to discuss how educators and business leaders are working together to better prepare students to be college and career ready and how policymakers can support these efforts as part of the reauthorization of the Higher Education Act.

**Participants:** Christopher Caltabiano, chief program officer, Council for Economic Education; Joseph Clement, social studies teacher, Chantilly High School, VA; Hallie Davis, research center associate, Global Financial Literacy Excellence Center, George Washington University; Jacqueline Howard, senior director of corporate citizenship, Ally Financial; and Alayna Van Tassel, deputy treasurer of Massachusetts and executive director, Office of Economic Empowerment.

**Time and Location:** 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.; 2103 Rayburn HOB.

**Contacts:** RSVP here.

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On The Floor This Week

**Senate Floor:**
In recess until Monday, June 3

**House Floor:**
In recess until Monday, June 3

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Bills to Watch

**FY 2020 APPROPRIATIONS**

- **H.R. 2470 Sponsor: Rep. Rosa DeLauro (D-CT)**
  Labor, Health and Human Services and Education Appropriations Act of FY 2020 (05/8/19 Passed by Appropriations Committee; 4/30/2019 Passed by Subcommittee)

- **H.R.# Sponsor: Rep. José Serrano (D-NY)**

  Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Act of FY 2020 (5/21/2019 Passed by Appropriations Committee; 5/15/19 Passed by Subcommittee)

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Interior and Environment Appropriations Act of FY 2020 (5/22/2019 Passed by Appropriations Committee; 5/15/19 Passed by Subcommittee)

H.R. # 6 Sponsor: Rep. Sanford Bishop, Jr. (D-GA)
Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA and Related Agencies Act of FY 2020 (5/23/19 Passed by Subcommittee)

REBUILD AMERICA’S SCHOOL ACT
H.R. 865 Rebuild America’s Schools Act
Sponsor: Rep. Bobby Scott (D-VA)
(Latest Action: 2/26/19 Approved by House Education and Labor Committee)