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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2014
None.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2014
Environmental Advisory Committee
Subject: The National Science Foundation’s (NSF) Advisory Committee for Environmental Research and Education will host a meeting on September 23 and 24.
Participants: France Cordova, NSF Director; Dr. Bruce Logan, Chair of the Advisory Committee for Environmental Research and Education (AC ERE); Dr. David Skole, incoming Chair of AC ERE; Todd Kuiken, Woodrow Wilson Center; and others.
Time and Location: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.; NSF, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Stafford 1, Room 1235, Arlington, VA.
Contact: RSVP to Linda Deegan at: ldeegan@nsf.gov; view the full agenda at: http://www.nsf.gov/events/event_summ.jsp?cntn_id=132707&WT.mc_id=USNSF_13&WT.mc_ev=click.

University Rating Systems
Subject: The New America Foundation will host an event, “America’s Worst Colleges” to discuss the upcoming rating systems to be unveiled by the Obama administration.

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Participants: Jamie P. Merisotis, President and CEO, Lumina Foundation; Amy Binder, Professor of Sociology, University of California, San Diego, CA; Kevin Carey, Director, Education Policy Program, New America Foundation; Ben Miller, Senior Policy Analyst, New America Foundation; Laura Colarusso, Freelance Writer; and Paul Glastris, Editor in Chief, Washington Monthly.

Time and Location: 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.; 1899 L Street, NW, Suite 400, Washington, DC.

Contact: Register at: http://www.newamerica.net/events/2014/americas_worst_colleges.

Psychology Research

Subject: The Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues (SPSSI) will host a briefing, “Psychological Perspectives on Women in STEM.”

Participants: Representative Jim McGovern (D-MA); and Nilanjana Dasgupta, Ph.D., Professor of Psychology, University of Massachusetts Amherst.

Time and Location: 12:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.; B-369 Rayburn HOB.

Contact: RSVP to Dr. Gabriel Twose at: gtwose@spssi.org.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2014

None.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2014

Technology in Education

Subject: Microsoft will host an event, “Conversation on Education: Technology & Learning in the 21st Century.”

Participants: Jim Kohlenberger, President, JK Strategies and Education Superhighway; Richard Culatta, Director, Office of Education Technology, U.S. Department of Education; Elizabeth Rorick, Deputy Executive Director of Government Affairs and Communications, National PTA; and Rahul Sandil, Manager, Project Spark Program, Microsoft Studios.

Time and Location: 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.; 901 K Street, NW, 11th Floor, Washington, DC.

Contact: Register at: https://live.iplanevents.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=reg.page&event_id=2587&regid=402463.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2014

None.

On The Floor This Week

Senate Floor:
The Senate will be in recess until November 12.

House Floor:
The House will be in recess until November 12.

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 Ed 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 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
Draft  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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http://majorityleader.gov/calendar/113thCongressFirstSession.pdf
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