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THIS WEEK IN CONGRESS AND THE ADMINISTRATION

- This week, the House and Senate are in recess, although committee work continues.

ADVOCACY UPDATE

- Last week, UC and the UC Student Association launched “[Double the Pell](#),” a joint effort to call on Congress to reinvest in the federal Pell Grant program.
- Last week, UC Federal Governmental Relations [hosted](#) a virtual congressional briefing focused on early career researchers in the UC system.

THIS WEEK IN CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS AND POLICY BRIEFINGS

- On Wednesday, the House Armed Services Committee will hold a hearing titled, “Update on the Department of Defense’s Evolving Roles and Mission in Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic.”
- On Wednesday, the Communications and Technology Subcommittee of the House Energy and Commerce Committee will hold a hearing titled, “Connecting America: Broadband Solutions to Pandemic Problems.”
- On Thursday, the Energy Subcommittee of the House Energy and Commerce Committee will hold a hearing titled, “A Smarter Investment: Pathways to a Clean Energy Future.”
- On Friday, the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee will hold a hearing titled, “COVID-19 and the Child Care Crisis.”
- On Friday, the House Science, Space and Technology Committee will hold a hearing titled, “The Science of COVID-19 Vaccines and Encouraging Vaccine Uptake.”

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