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“WHY SHOULD THERE NOT BE A PATIENT CONFIDENCE IN THE ULTIMATE JUSTICE OF THE PEOPLE? IS THERE ANY BETTER OR EQUAL HOPE IN THE WORLD?”

ABRAHAM LINCOLN, FIRST INAUGURAL ADDRESS, MARCH 4, 1861





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UNITED STATES SENATE RESOLUTION 324

In 1962, Senate Resolution 324, submitted by Senator KUCHEL (for himself and Senators MANSFIELD, DIRKSEN, and HUMPHREY), was referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration, and, subsequently, unanimously approved by the United States Senate as follows:

WHEREAS the continued vitality of our Republic depends, in part, on the intelligent understanding of our political processes and the functions of our National Government by the citizens of the United States; and

WHEREAS the durability of a constitutional democracy is dependent upon alert, talented, vigorous competition for political leadership; and

WHEREAS individual Senators have cooperated with various private and university undergraduate and graduate fellowship and internship programs relating to the work of Congress; and

WHEREAS in the high schools of the United States, there exists among students who have been elected to student body offices in their junior or senior year a potential reservoir of young citizens who are experiencing their first responsibilities of service to a constituency and who should be encouraged to deepen their interest in and understanding of their country's political process: Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate hereby expresses its willingness to cooperate in a nationwide competitive high school Senate youth program which would give several representative high school students from each State a short indoctrination into the operation of the United States Senate and the Federal Government generally, if such a program can be satisfactorily arranged and completely supported by private funds with no expense to the Federal Government.

RESOLUTION 146. To amend S. Res. 324 of the Eighty-seventh Congress to provide for the participation of the Department of Defense education system for dependents in overseas areas in the Senate Youth Program.

RESOLVED, That S. Res. 324, Eighty-seventh Congress, agreed to May 17, 1963, is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new section:

Section 3. For the purpose of this resolution, the term "State" includes the education system for dependents in overseas areas.

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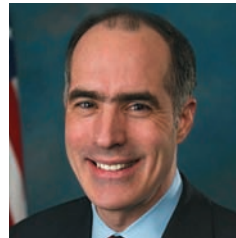


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UNITED STATES SENATE YOUTH PROGRAM

The United States Senate Youth Program is an intensive week-long educational experience sponsored by the United States Senate that nurtures an important reservoir of student talent and energy toward the high purpose of public service.

The program was created by Senate Resolution 324 in 1962 as stated in supporting Senate testimony from that year, “to increase young Americans’ understanding of the interrelationships of the three branches of government, the caliber and responsibilities of federally elected and appointed officials, and the vital importance of democratic decision making not only for America but for people around the world.”

The 46th annual Washington Week once again brought 104 outstanding high school students—two from every state, the District of Columbia and the Department of Defense Education Activity—to Washington, D.C. to see the federal government up close and meet and interact

with the people who lead it. As the students develop a deeper commitment to public service they also form an intellectual and emotional bond with their peers from across the nation.

Administered and completely funded by the William Randolph Hearst Foundation, the program utilizes no government funds. The program is highly competitive and merit based. Qualified students—those already serving in an elected capacity with excellent academic performance—are encouraged to apply by their teachers, principals and guidance counselors and are ultimately selected by their State Departments of Education. Each delegate is also awarded a \$5,000 college scholarship, with certificates often personally presented by their U.S. Senators, and are encouraged to continue to pursue coursework in history, government and public affairs.



Dear Delegates,

We at the Hearst Foundation would like to send our warmest congratulations to the student delegates of the United States Senate Youth Program class of 2008. It was a pleasure to be with you and watch you engage in such meaningful and intellectual interaction with our nation's leaders. I hope your Washington Week experience reinforced your individual commitments to responsible, well-informed citizenship and public service.

The Foundation is honored to sponsor this unique and enduring partnership of the United States Senate, State Departments of Education, exceptional educators and outstanding students. We fully support the mission of inspiring new generations of young people who aspire to careers in government, politics and other areas of public affairs. Now 4600 strong, USSYP alumni include Senator Susan Collins of Maine, the first delegate elected to the Senate; Chief Judge Robert Henry, U.S. Court of Appeals; Former Ambassador to West Germany Richard Burt; Former Presidential Advisors Thomas "Mack" McLarty and Karl Rove and many other accomplished individuals. We salute you.

Our appreciation is also extended to the 46th annual Senate Youth Program Co-Chairs, Senator Dianne Feinstein of California and Senator Pat Roberts of Kansas, as well as the many other distinguished speakers who generously gave of their time. The U.S. Senate and Senate Youth Program also thank the Council of Chief State School Officers and all the state-level selection administrators for their pivotal roles in the student selection process.

The program's mission shall continue as long as there are young people in America with a dedication to academic excellence and a desire to serve their communities.

– William Randolph Hearst, III

UNITED STATES SENATE YOUTH PROGRAM

FORTY-SIXTH ANNUAL WASHINGTON WEEK AGENDA

SATURDAY, MARCH 1

- › **WELCOME DAY:** Alumni mentoring and career networking
- › Casual dinner buffet for all delegates and mentors
The Mayflower Hotel

SUNDAY, MARCH 2

- › Group visit to the Smithsonian Institution Museums
- › Group tour of the Holocaust Memorial Museum
- › Visit to the Jefferson Memorial and Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial
- › Introduction of Military Mentors after dinner
The Mayflower Hotel

MONDAY, MARCH 3

- › **BREAKFAST SPEAKER:** Chief Judge Robert H. Henry
The United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit
USSYP — Oklahoma 1971
The Mayflower Hotel
- › **SPEAKERS:** Secretary of the Senate Nancy Erickson
Chief Parliamentarian of the Senate Alan Frumin
Caucus Room, Russell Senate Office Building
- › **LUNCHEON SPEAKER:** Librarian of Congress
Dr. James Billington
*Library of Congress James Madison Memorial Building
Montpelier Room*
- › **SPEAKER:** Clerk of the Supreme Court
of The United States General William K. Suter
Supreme Court of the United States
- › Presentation of Colors
Joint Armed Forces Color Guard
The Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps
- › **DINNER SPEAKER:** Senator Jon Tester of Montana
The Mayflower Hotel

TUESDAY, MARCH 4

- › **BREAKFAST SPEAKER:** Mr. Brian Fitzgerald, Partner
Bingham McCutchen LLP
The Mayflower Hotel
- › **SPEAKER:** Assistant Secretary of State for Legislative Affairs
Jeffrey T. Bergner, Department of State
- › **LUNCHEON SPEAKER:** Ambassador John D. Negroponte,
Deputy Secretary of State
Benjamin Franklin State Dining Room, Department of State
- › Tour of the Capitol and visit to the Gallery
of the United States Senate
- › **SPEAKER:** National Endowment for the Arts
Chairman Dana Gioia
The Mayflower Hotel
- › **DINNER SPEAKER:** Senator Pat Roberts of Kansas
Co-Chair for the 46th Annual United States Senate Youth Program
The Mayflower Hotel

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5

- › Tour of the White House
- › Tour of the Lincoln Memorial and the
Vietnam Veterans Memorial
- › **LUNCHEON SPEAKER:** His Excellency Pierre Vimont
Ambassador to the United States, Embassy of France
The Mayflower Hotel
- › **GREETINGS: THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES**
The White House
- › **ANNUAL SENATE RECEPTION**
HOSTS: Senator Dianne Feinstein and Senator Pat Roberts
Co-Chairs for the 46th Annual United States Senate Youth Program
Caucus Room, Russell Senate Office Building
- › Informal dinner
The Mayflower Hotel

THURSDAY, MARCH 6

- › **BREAKFAST SPEAKER:** C-SPAN President and
CEO Brian Lamb
The Mayflower Hotel
- › Tour of the Newseum
- › **LUNCHEON SPEAKERS:** Senator Mitch McConnell of
Kentucky and Senator Sherrod Brown of Ohio
Caucus Room, Russell Senate Office Building
- › **SPEAKER:** Executive Director of the National Symphony
Orchestra Rita Shapiro
Caucus Room, Russell Senate Office Building
- › Tour of The Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts
- › **CONCERT:** The National Symphony Orchestra
The Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts

FRIDAY, MARCH 7

- › Tour of The Pentagon
- › **SPEAKER:** Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates
The Pentagon
- › **SPEAKER:** Sergeant Major Thomas O. McMurtrie, USA
Executive Assistant to the Senior Enlisted Advisor to the
Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff
The Pentagon
- › Visit to the Marine Corps Memorial and the
Tomb of the Unknowns
Arlington Cemetery
- › Dinner and Presentation of Colors
Joint Armed Forces Color Guard and
The United States Marine Corps Band
- › Farewell remarks by student delegates
Joseph Riley of Tennessee and Zephaniah Smith of California
- › Flag folding ceremony and farewell slideshow
- › Dancing and refreshments
The Mayflower Hotel

SATURDAY, MARCH 8

- › Departure of delegates from The Mayflower Hotel







[top] Michael Sundermeyer (MO—1969) welcomes group and introduces Norman Fortenberry (LA – 1979) Alumni Association President

[middle] Chad Robinson (DE – 2001) USSYP Alumni Association Liaison Officer helps delegate Devany Schulz (ND) make traditional phone call home

[bottom] U.S. Army Captain David Schulz briefs his students on arrival day



WELCOME TO WASHINGTON — USSYP ALUMNI SHARE INSIGHT AND EXPERIENCE

Delegates traveling from across the country are met at the local airports and train station and brought downtown to the Mayflower Hotel. Excitement and anticipation mount as students meet for the first time and are welcomed by USSYP alumni and staff. Now more than 4600 strong, USSYP alumni have distinguished themselves in the fields of government, education, law, healthcare, engineering, information technology, non-profit, business and journalism, and are on hand at designated mentoring tables to answer a multitude of questions about education and careers. The students are also introduced to their Military Mentors, carefully selected officers from each service branch assigned to help guide the delegates through the logistics and protocol of the demanding week to come.

The United States Senate Youth Alumni Association (www.ussyaa.org) has forged and maintained ties with thousands of program alumni. In addition to on-going activities throughout the year, alumni gather during Washington Week for the association's annual dinner and board meeting.



*[top] Senator Jon Tester and Montana delegates
Nicholas Corn and Tyler Dugger*

[middle] Presentation of Colors

[bottom] Senator Tester seated with delegates

“WHEN STUDENTS GET FIRED UP THINGS HAPPEN, THAT’S A FACT. YOU HAVE INCREDIBLE POWER, AND IF YOU HAVE A VISION YOU CAN MAKE THAT POWER MOVE FORTH.”

Freshman Senator Jon Tester of Montana made his first appearance as a USSYP speaker and the excitement was palpable as he strode across the room in cowboy boots to take the microphone at the opening night dinner. Describing himself as “first and foremost a farmer” he told the story of his beginnings in public service and his rise through the Montana State Legislature before being elected to the U.S. Senate in 2007. Acknowledging that he “kind of goes against most of the predetermined visions of what a Senator would look like,” he nonetheless quickly showed that his passion for the land and persona as farmer fully translates to the national stage. “From the standpoint of personal responsibility, we have an incredible

opportunity to save water,” he said, giving the example of his own mother who “can wash a table of dishes in an inch of water in her sink.” “Gas, oil, gold it doesn’t matter, water is the top of the heap,” he continued, “so we also have to make sure there is adequately funded agricultural research to use water smartly.” Senator Tester also spoke about the importance of supporting sustainable, organic farming and the larger role of the Mountain West as a bell weather for national resource conservation and alternative energy development.

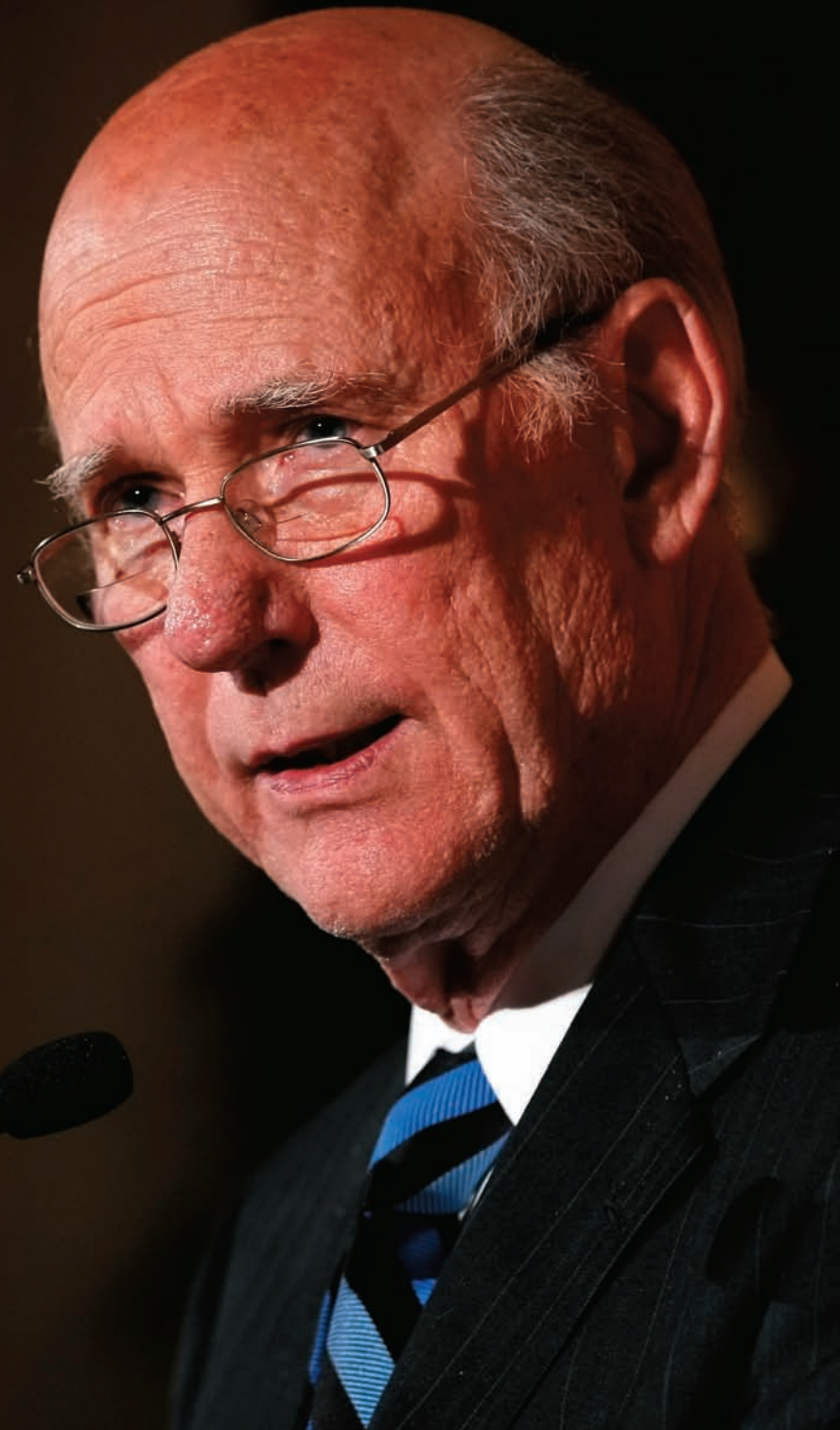




**“SIMPLY PUT, YOU REPRESENT THE BEST
OUR COUNTRY HAS TO OFFER; WE CAN
CALL IT ‘THE FEW, THE PROUD, AND THE
U.S. SENATE YOUTH PROGRAM.’”**

Senator Pat Roberts of Kansas, the Republican Co-Chair for the 46th annual United States Senate Youth Program, brought a signature mix of historical fact, technical mastery of the legislative process and Plain State wit to the podium as keynote speaker for the Tuesday night dinner. Representing Kansas in Washington for more than two decades, Senator Roberts gave the delegates down-to-earth advice about going into politics. “Despite our differences on party and ideology, it does not mean we can’t work across party lines for the good of the country,” he said. “When working with my colleagues on the serious issues of the day I always put myself in their shoes and try to see from their standpoint. I am not saying give up on your principals, but if you employ respect and tolerance you can keep things

from getting too personal.” The Senator then enumerated three other key characteristics to cultivate for success on Capitol Hill and in life: “Never burn a bridge,” he counseled, and “let your word be your bond. If you don’t have your word in this business you have nothing.” Finally, he advised, “take your job very seriously, no matter what you endeavor, but not yourself – a little levity can go a long way to diffuse very, very difficult situations.” Senator Roberts then took numerous questions on issues with which he has been deeply involved such as intelligence, rural health, education and agriculture, with stories exemplifying the pragmatic leadership approach that has defined his long career.





[top] Republican Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) speaking to the delegates in the Russell Senate Caucus Room

[bottom] Senator Sherrod Brown (D-OH)



LEADERSHIP, VISION AND HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE FROM BOTH SIDES OF THE AISLE

The USSYP Class of 2008 received warm congratulations from Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell at the start of the annual Washington Week Leadership Luncheon. Senator McConnell, unanimously elected to the top GOP Senate post by his Republican colleagues in November 2006, is the fifteenth Republican Leader of the Senate and the first ever to hold that post from the state of Kentucky. Senator McConnell described the role of Senate Leader as one requiring the ability to obtain bipartisan compromise. The Senate frequently engages in “ponderous review” he said, because on many votes, a majority is not enough. He outlined the historical context of the Founders’ intentions, saying that the House of Representatives was designed to be “very close to the electorate, respond to the electorate more rapidly and be a place of great passion and quick reaction.” The Senate, he asserted on the other hand, is a more deliberative body because “the Founders had a bias in favor of it being difficult to make laws due to their previous bad experience with a king. They were not interested in having a chief executive who could do anything too quickly.” He spoke separately about immigration, an issue being discussed on the Senate floor that week, relating the story of his wife, Secretary of Labor Elaine Chao who came to America at the age of eight not speaking a word of English. Immigrants, he said, were “the risk-takers who came to this country to seek something better, who then built our extraordinary country, and the process of immigration has renewed us over the years.”

Freshman Senator Sherrod Brown of Ohio was the Democratic voice at the luncheon, enthusiastically agreeing to fill the slot when Senator Reid was unable to attend. Rushing in to greet the students directly from the Senate floor he made the connection between the amendment he had just been negotiating on a Consumer Product Safety bill and the history of increased government protection for citizens. “This is a depiction of a canary in a bird cage,” he said, pointing to his lapel pin. “If you know your labor history, 100 years ago if a canary died from toxic gas or from lack of oxygen the mine worker knew he immediately had to get out of the mine.” Advising the delegates to read *The Jungle* by Upton Sinclair, he said, “A child born in 1900 had a life expectancy of only 46 or 47 years. Change has happened in this country because of government working with people of faith, with trade unions, with advocates for the disabled, with advocates for children and civil rights activists.” The Ohio primary having just taken place, Senator Brown commented on the excitement he felt watching so many young people in the nation become energized about politics as part of the 2008 presidential campaign. He urged the student delegates to go on to serve their communities and their country, but, he cautioned, “You must know who you are and what you stand for. Too many people come here and they spend too much time calculating about the next election. That is not the way to live and it is not the way to serve.”

[top] General William K. Suter

[middle] Student delegates entering the Supreme Court

[bottom] General Suter with Virginia Delegates Sage Koontz (L) and Kyle Gardiner (R)

AN INSIDER'S VIEW OF THE HIGHEST COURT IN THE LAND

General William K. Suter, the nineteenth Clerk of the Supreme Court of the United States, addressed the delegates in the magnificent West Conference Room of the Supreme Court following a docent-led informational session inside the chambers. A former Trinity University basketball star and member of the Tulane Law Review, he used lively humor and numerous anecdotes to portray the workings of the Court and offer insight into the personalities of the Justices. Serving as Clerk since 1991, General Suter's responsibilities include daily administrative management of the Court's caseload; maintaining the Court's docket and calendars; receiving, recording and distributing all motions, petitions and briefs; collecting filing fees; supervising the Supreme Court bar, and maintaining the Court's rules and recommending changes. He described the process he uses to direct the now more than 9,000 petitions for certiorari each year, with the

Court hearing less than one percent, or only about 70, of those cases. General Suter then spent generous time answering the enthusiastic questions of the students, many of whom aspire to legal careers. Topics included how the Bush v. Gore election decision was made so quickly; how politicization of the nomination process affects the Court; the process of hearing a case; how the Justices view and relate to each other and other aspects of their individual personalities. In answer to the last, the students roared as he recalled a story of watching Justice Kennedy being asked by a tourist couple to snap their photo on the Court's steps. Clearly not recognizing him without his black robe their "photographer" then asked if they had seen any of the Justices lately? To those aspiring to one day argue before the Court, Clerk Suter's advice was "Prepare, prepare, prepare." No doubt, many in the room have already begun to heed his wisdom.





[top] Chief Judge Robert H. Henry

[middle] James Dennis, III (MS) asking a question

[bottom-left] Delegate Christopher Chesney (OK) introducing Judge Henry

[bottom-right] Delegate Anish Tilak (OK) thanking Judge Henry



HIGH-PROFILE ISSUES PROBED IN SOCRATIC GIVE AND TAKE

The opening breakfast speaker for Washington Week 2008 was uniquely positioned as both an expert on judicial affairs and as a distinguished USSYP alumnus who delighted the students by recalling some of his own experiences as a delegate from Oklahoma in 1971. Chief Judge Robert H. Henry of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit advised the delegates to take good notes and discuss in-depth all of the events they were about to partake in during the week ahead. The former state legislator, Attorney General of Oklahoma and law school dean then turned the tables to allow for a long and intensive question and answer session. The students participated eagerly with a wide range of questions from the constitutionality of the electoral college to a discus-

sion of degrees of federalism in the debate over states' rights. Just warming up, the delegates continued with questions on hate-crimes and the First Amendment and the extension of Fourteenth Amendment rights to minors and ex-convicts. Asked about the Supreme Court's role in deciding social issues such as gay marriage, Judge Henry responded that while these matters generally remain at the state level in America, interesting perspectives can be gleaned from decisions made in other countries. Exhorting all the students to continue forward in public service, he said in closing, "these are the issues that define our time. I suspect that the investment made in you by the United States Senate Youth Program will return to bear fruit."



[from left to right]

Secretary of the Senate Nancy Erickson

Students entering the Russell Senate Office Building for the first time

Chief Parliamentarian of the Senate Alan Frumin

PRECEDENT, BALANCE AND THE HISTORY OF THE SENATE

Three of the Senate's highest administrative officers, Secretary of the Senate Nancy Erickson, Chief Parliamentarian Alan Frumin and Senate Historian Richard Baker gave the student delegates an overview of key parliamentary procedures and precedents that govern the "upper chamber" and that set the Senate apart from the House of Representatives and other parliamentary bodies in the world. Milestones in Senate history were brought to life, as well as personal recounting of the long and fulfilling career paths the speakers themselves have had in the institution. "We need good staff members," Nancy Erickson said,

"staff who can think critically, who are good writers, and who have compassion and commitment to help others less fortunate in society." Alan Frumin underscored the importance of the Senate's general limitation on debate saying, "that which you don't see governs everything you do see." The students, marking their first visit to the historic Senate Caucus Room for the event, then engaged the speakers in a vibrant discussion getting a detailed perspective on how Senators consider and create the laws of the land.



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[top] Delegate holding up a detailed map of the White House

[middle] President Bush shakes hands with Foundation President William Randolph Hearst, III as Victor Ganzi, President and CEO of the Hearst Corporation and Anissa Balson, Foundation Director look on

[bottom] Delegates Tara Viswanathan (TX) and Benjamin Wallace (DE) standing outside the White House



PRAISE AND INSIGHT FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

On a beautiful, warm afternoon, the 104 student delegates assembled at the South Portico of the White House and waited in the glinting sunshine to be greeted by the nation's 43rd Commander in Chief. President George W. Bush strode across the South Lawn to recognize the USSYP delegates and Hearst Foundation Directors. He praised the delegates for their commitment to service and leadership, and reflected on the breadth of meaning of those pursuits beyond joining the military or serving in high political office. "You continue your service to your country and community by teaching someone to read, by feeding someone who doesn't have food or simply by reaching out to someone who is lonely," said the President, who honored the students with his time as he has done each year of his two-term presidency.



[top] Ambassador John D. Negroponte

[middle] New York Delegates Emily Cusick (NY) and Julie Raisch (NY) meeting Assistant Secretary Jeffrey T. Bergner

[bottom] Marcee Craighill, Curator of the Diplomatic Reception Rooms leads the students on tour

[opposite page] Students learning about the signing of the Treaty of Paris

THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT: FACING GLOBAL CHALLENGES IN THE 21ST CENTURY

Lunch at the elegant and gilded Diplomatic Reception Rooms of the U.S. State Department began with Director Marcee Craighill giving the students a customized tour of the historic art, furniture and other national treasures housed in the magnificent setting. The luncheon that followed in the Benjamin Franklin State Dining room began with introductory remarks by Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs Jeffrey T. Bergner who reviewed several initiatives currently being implemented by the administration. In particular, he highlighted the U.N. resolution on Iran's nuclear program, recognition of Kosovo, the President's PEPFAR program to combat HIV/AIDS abroad, and relations with Mexico, India and Colombia. Although in the last months of the Bush Administration, Secretary Bergner did note a new legislative initiative on the docket entitled the Civilian Reserve Corps which would create a "civilian version of the military reserves to help stabilize and reconstruct countries that have come out of war or other kinds of conflict."

Ambassador Negroponte then took the podium giving keynote remarks and affording the delegates an intensive question and answer session. The second highest-ranking official at the State Department, Ambassador Negroponte shared experiences from a 37-year career in the Foreign Service and intelligence agencies including posts as the

Ambassador to Iraq and the first Director of National Intelligence. Predicting an overall shift in power toward the Asia-Pacific region, he underscored the need for the U.S. to engage the region constructively. He warned against politicizing the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing but asserted that human rights should remain on the bilateral agenda with China. International sentiment toward the United States was generally positive, he said, but the key to changing negative attitudes in the Middle East "would be to make progress on the peace process and towards the achievement of a Palestinian state." Dependency on oil also placed America in a position of vulnerability toward suppliers, he said, who "might not be entirely reliable and... may not always be well disposed towards the United States." When asked for reading suggestions, the Ambassador recommended biographies because "you can talk about globalization and the different kinds of trends and tendencies, but in the end, it is how individuals deal with these phenomena that really makes history." After taking many excellent questions from the students, he closed by encouraging them to consider public service at the State Department, saying, "Our country needs your talents and your enthusiasm, your idealism, and your optimism, your sense that we and our friends and allies can truly build a better world."









INSPIRATIONAL WORDS FROM THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

The main auditorium of The Pentagon was hushed in anticipation of Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates who made time to address the USSYP delegates in between meetings of the highest order. Secretary Gates was introduced by the student delegates of military families who are part of the worldwide Department of Defense Education Activity (DODEA). He thanked the students and their families for their service and sacrifice, and then began his remarks by posing the question: "How will your progress in life shape the future of your community, state, and country?" With unassuming manner, he related the story of getting a "D" in his freshman calculus class, saying, "The fact that I got a D means you can be reasonably smart but if you don't work hard you'll still get a bad grade." "But," he added with a smile, "the other side is, you can get a bad grade and still be reasonably

successful." As former president of Texas A&M University, he defined the real value of an education as "its ability to help you harness and direct your knowledge and your passion to help make a difference in the lives of others." He noted that there is a special need in our history at this time for the best and brightest to enter the armed forces. But whatever their career paths, Secretary Gates counseled the delegates that "your honesty and your integrity will be your greatest assets. They will shine like a beacon in a storm. Develop them. Refine them. Bind yourself to them." During a spirited question and answer period, Secretary Gates candidly responded to questions regarding military policies and the war in Iraq. The reason for his expedited departure was apparent later when the students were held at waiting points in the building's massive corridors as the Presidential motorcade arrived.

[from left to right]

DODEA delegates Brianna Fitch and Christopher Brown meeting Secretary Gates

Sergeant Major Thomas O. McMurtrie, USA, Executive Assistant to the Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Joint Chiefs of Staff, spoke to the students at length to give them a broader picture of the commitment and service embodied by the enlisted military in all service branches

Delegates asking questions

[top] Dr. James H. Billington

[middle] Delegate Brian Heim (NC) asks a question

[bottom] Delegate Alexia Kwok (HI) enjoys conversation
with her mentor Captain Cynthia Kearley, USAF

“ADDING WITHOUT SUBTRACTING; STABILITY OF INSTITUTIONS WITH TREMENDOUS INNOVATION OF IDEAS AND A CONSTANT REINVIGORATING OF THE COUNTRY — THAT IS WHAT YOU REPRESENT.”

Dr. James H. Billington, who in 1987 became the thirteenth person since the founding of the country to hold the position of Librarian of Congress, was the luncheon speaker on Monday of Washington Week in the panoramic Montpelier Room of the Library's James Madison Memorial Building. Dr. Billington gave the students a brief overview of the Library's enormous holdings saying, "The Library of Congress is the greatest collection of the world's knowledge ever assembled under one set of roofs in one place...you can spend a lifetime exploring the collections which sit mainly on 617 miles of shelves here in the nation's capital." He explained the important role of the Congressional Research Service, harkening back to the founders' "enlightened ideal that legislation should be based on learning." Quoting Thomas Jefferson, whose personal library became the original collection, he said, "There is, in fact, no subject to which a Member of Congress may not have occasion to refer." A renowned Russian and international relations scholar, Dr. Billington has placed important emphasis on the role of the Library in world affairs. He was the senior-most U.S. official to

openly visit Iran in 25 years when he led a delegation to expand exchanges with the National Library of Iran, and he spearheaded not only the digitization of Library of Congress holdings but also launched a major bi-lingual website with the national libraries of Russia and similar joint projects with the national libraries of Brazil, Spain, France, the Netherlands, and Egypt. "We have a civilization, like this Library, which has been able to add without subtracting," he opined, looking out at the bright faces in his audience. "We have a significant population from every continent and part of every continent in the world, and yet, it is not a conflict. All of you will add much more than I and my generation or even my children's generation have been able to do in this country." When asked which document has had the most impact on society as a whole, he cited papers held in the Library: the Gettysburg Address; Lincoln's Second Inaugural; Madison's notes on the Constitution and Jefferson's rough draft of the Declaration of Independence, in his own hand, with written corrections by Madison, Franklin and Adams. "That's a pretty good review team," he added.





“OUR GREATNESS IS NOT MERELY OUR WEALTH OR OUR POWER, BUT THE CIVILIZATION WE CREATE.”

“Are not these woods more free from peril than the envious court? ...” The resonant voice of National Endowment for the Arts Chairman Dana Gioia reverberated in the hushed room as the USSYP delegates listened to timeless musings on politics from deep in the forests of Arden. With his audience riveted, Chairman Gioia went on to present a full picture of the role of the NEA as the federal agency charged with bringing the best of the arts and arts education to every corner of the nation. He stressed the overall importance of the arts in our society, in particular linking participation in and exposure to the arts with higher academic performance in students and improved concentration and linear attention in all learners. Artistic creativity holds a special place in America, he said, because “for the first time in human history, a nation gave people the freedom to fully express their individual character. There has never been a country in the modern world as

creative as the United States of America—from abstract expressionist painting to comic books, from movies to rock music, from blues to modern fiction, modern poetry, modern drama and modern architecture—this happened in the United States in a way that happened nowhere else in the world.” Mr. Gioia described several of the national arts initiatives he has spearheaded including a high school poetry recitation contest; bringing creative writing skills to military personnel and opera to military bases; Jazz in the Schools; and The Big Read—a nationwide “book club” showcasing great books. A spirited question and answer session ensued, reflecting the delegates’ and speaker’s passion for the subject, and setting the tone for later in the week when the group would attend a concert of the National Symphony Orchestra for the first time in Washington Week history.

[from left to right]

NEA Chairman Dana Gioia began his remarks with lines from William Shakespeare’s “As You Like It” and gave every delegate a CD from the NEA’s Big Read project

Delegates anxious to continue the discussion with Chairman Gioia

[top] His Excellency Pierre Vimont

[middle] Students about to enjoy the chocolate Tour Eiffel

[bottom] Ambassador Vimont at lunch with delegates

EUROPEAN LEADER AND LONG-TIME ALLY: A GLOBAL VIEW FROM THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR

Since the time of the American Revolution and de Tocqueville's publication of *Democracy in America*, the United States has benefited and gained a deeper perspective on the world through alliance with France. His Excellency Pierre Vimont, French Ambassador to the U.S., acknowledged that longstanding relationship and spoke of ushering in a new wave of friendship between the two nations as he addressed the 2008 delegates at the annual Ambassador lunch. Employing diplomatic discretion and an elegant Gallic humor, Ambassador Vimont painted a broad picture of current challenges in the international arena with a focus on Franco-American cooperation in facing them. Ambassador Vimont gave high marks to French President Nicolas Sarkozy for the improvement in French-U.S. relations, saying, "President Sarkozy was elected by a clear majority, more than 53 percent of the electorate, with a huge turnout. The people of France let it be known that, among other things, they agreed with Nicolas Sarkozy on the need to improve relations between our two countries." He cautioned that the French still want to retain "our individual way of looking at the world's affairs," but noted several initiatives where the U.S. and

France are working together, notably in Iraq, Afghanistan and on the issue of Iranian nuclear capacity. With regard to Afghanistan, he pointed out that "we have got the impression that we are being less and less understood by the Afghan population who more and more think of the NATO Alliance as being some sort of occupying force." He added that France sees bridging that communication gap between the Afghans and the NATO forces as critical to the mission's success. Several differences in policy priorities were also discussed, including the low dollar valuation, and specifics of the multilateral system. France, he said, believes the multilateral system is important and deserves as much legitimacy and authority as possible, including adding emerging or developing nations as well as Germany and Japan to the Security Council of the United Nations and the G8 meetings. "But the important thing is that we won't make a political argument of those differences... this is a new mood and new feeling in our relationship," Ambassador Vimont concluded. He gave the students generous time for questions ranging from the crises in Chad and Darfur to how America could duplicate the high voter turnout just seen in the French elections.





[top] Mr. Brian Lamb

[middle] Delegates requesting autographs and continuing the conversation

[bottom] Mr. Lamb turns the Grand Ballroom into a delegate town hall meeting



“I WOULD JUST SAY TO YOU: RECORD THIS WEEK. SIT DOWN, THINK ABOUT IT, WRITE ABOUT IT OR JUST GET OUT A TAPE RECORDER AND TALK ABOUT IT. SOMEDAY YOU WILL PULL IT OUT AND IT WILL BE A VERY INTERESTING PERSPECTIVE TO HAVE IN LATER YEARS.”



C-SPAN President and Founder Brian Lamb employed his famously straightforward interviewing technique at the Thursday morning breakfast, turning the Grand Ballroom of the Mayflower Hotel into a self-styled interactive television studio. He quickly eschewed the podium and, grabbing the microphone, plunged directly into the audience avidly questioning the student delegates about their experiences during Washington Week. Asking everyone where they were on 9/11, he framed his own memory of that day within the larger context, harkening back to an earlier defining moment in Vietnam. “Vietnam may not have impacted all of you directly, but it is worth studying how in the world we ever got in there and why it took so long to get out,” he counseled. “It impacted my life, and it is probably one of the main reasons that C-SPAN is even here today because I was working then in public affairs at the Pentagon while my Secretary of Defense was lying to the American

people.” He gave a realistic picture of Washington as a city that can be “mean, difficult, frustrating, cynical, ambitious and disappointing” but also offered that it is “fascinating and exhilarating” and gave his own story as example. Mr. Lamb described the up-hill battle he faced in starting C-SPAN as he tried to convince the cable industry to support a not-for-profit mission to bring openness to government through unedited television coverage of official proceedings. “I probably got a hundred ‘no’s’ before I got one ‘yes,’” he recalled of starting what is now a public service empire and model for international replication. He emphasized the importance of a free and independent press, advocating openly for C-SPAN-style cameras to be allowed into the Supreme Court. From earmarks to architecture, partisanship to journalistic integrity, the dialogue spanned the gamut as the students eagerly engaged with the iconic media pioneer.

[top] Mr. Brian Fitzgerald

[middle] Delegate James Brown (CO) asks a question

[bottom] Ms. Rita Shapiro

BRIAN FITZGERALD

PARTNER, BINGHAM MCCUTCHEN LLP

Mr. Brian Fitzgerald, a Washington lobbyist for nearly three decades, gave the student delegates an inside-the-beltway perspective on lobbying; its origins, different aspects of coalition building and case study examples representing both non-profit and corporate clients. Mr. Fitzgerald recounted the origins of the word “lobbyist” — deriving from the act of ‘strategic loitering’ in the lobby of the Willard Hotel in downtown D.C. by those looking to bump into former President Ulysses S. Grant — and defined the activity itself as “the exercise of one’s constitutional rights under the First Amendment, both freedom of speech

and the right to petition our government.” He detailed a successful grass-roots lobbying strategy employed on behalf of the American Cancer Society to increase funding for cancer research, and gave examples of how representing the interests of large corporations before Congress can translate into jobs and economic stability on the local level. The students had many questions about the ethics of lobbying and the role of money in a democratic system, and Mr. Fitzgerald, a former Senate staffer, provided a realistic dimension to the way business gets done in Washington.

RITA SHAPIRO

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Rita Shapiro spent time with the students just before they headed off for an afternoon of education and an evening of classical music at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. Ms. Shapiro outlined the history of the NSO and the expansive national educational and cultural outreach activities undertaken by the “nation’s orchestra.” She described the mechanics of running an orchestra, the musicians’ high level of training and expertise, and the pivotal position symphony orchestras hold in communi-

ties across the country anchoring and supporting culture, education and philanthropy. The NSO’s role as America’s cultural ambassador worldwide was also discussed as she detailed the international tours the orchestra has made and gave a glimpse of upcoming plans. Many student delegates in the group had musical training and an interest in the arts. The question and answer period was varied and lively and filled with anticipation for the evening ahead.





THE JOHN F. KENNEDY MEMORIAL CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS



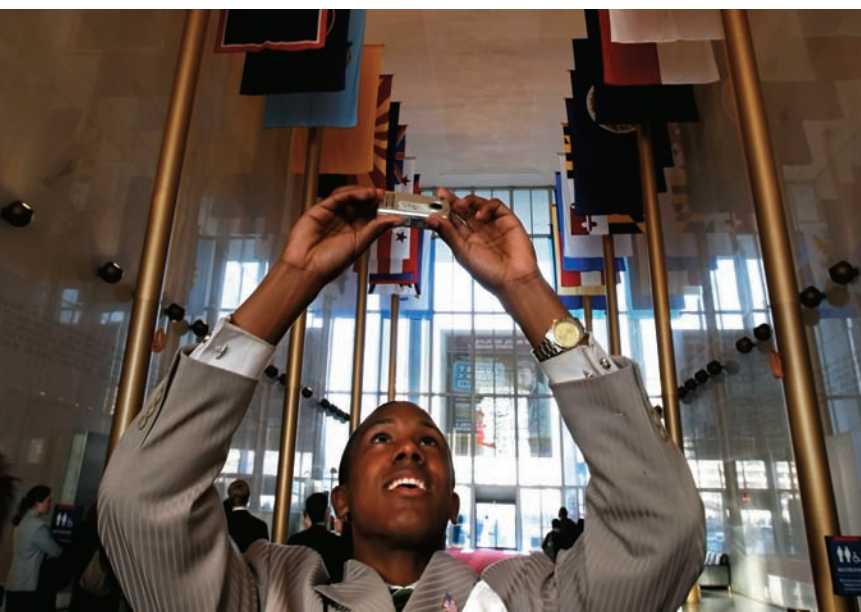


[top] Delegates listening to docent in the Kennedy Center Opera House

[bottom] Jeremy Williams (AL) taking a photo in the Hall of States

“I AM CERTAIN THAT AFTER THE DUST OF CENTURIES HAS PASSED OVER OUR CITIES, WE, TOO, WILL BE REMEMBERED NOT FOR VICTORIES OR DEFEATS IN BATTLE OR IN POLITICS, BUT FOR OUR CONTRIBUTION TO THE HUMAN SPIRIT.”

– PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY, NOVEMBER 29, 1962



For the first time in Washington Week history, the United States Senate Youth Program delegates attended a concert of the National Symphony Orchestra following customized docent-led tours of the Center which is both a living memorial to President John F. Kennedy and a national center for the performing arts. The students learned about the Center’s many offerings throughout the year and the numerous works of art—paintings, sculptures, magnificent chandeliers—that were gifts from governments around the world given as gestures of peace and honor to adorn the memorial to the American President.

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HONORS FROM THEIR SENATORS

A majority of Senators came to honor their student delegates and present them with a \$5,000 college scholarship at the Forty-sixth Annual USSYP Senate Reception.



ALABAMA

Senator Richard Shelby with
Jeremy Williams and Fernanda Lima



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Senator Jeff Sessions with
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Senator Ted Stevens with
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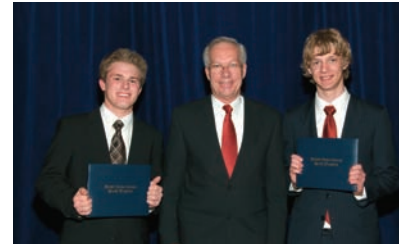
ALASKA

Senator Lisa Murkowski with
Kyleen Luhrs and Anthony (Tonei) Glavinic



ARKANSAS

Senator Blanche Lambert Lincoln with
Jacob Smith and JoAnna Kyle



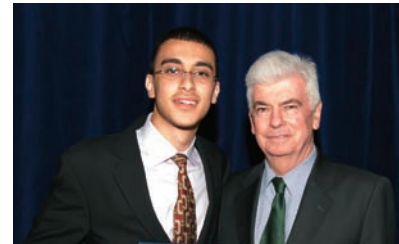
COLORADO

Senator Wayne Allard with
James Brown and John Schaefer



COLORADO

Senator Ken Salazar with
James Brown and John Schaefer



CONNECTICUT

Senator Christopher Dodd with
Ahmed Belal



CONNECTICUT

Senator Christopher Dodd with
Kylie Angell



DELAWARE

Senator Thomas Carper with
Benjamin Wallace and Timothy McBride



FLORIDA

Senator Mel Martinez with Adam Wexelbaum, (DoDEA) Brianna Fitch and John Moran



GEORGIA

Senator Saxby Chambliss with Logan Krusac and Alan Blinder



GEORGIA

Senator Johnny Isakson with Logan Krusac and Alan Blinder



HAWAII

Senator Daniel Akaka with Jonathan Gates and Alexia Kwok



IDAHO

Senator Larry Craig with Monica Cutler and Jordan Lofthouse



IDAHO

Senator Michael Crapo with Monica Cutler and Jordan Lofthouse



ILLINOIS

Senator Richard Durbin with Rustin Fakheri and Jonathan Koch



INDIANA

Senator Richard Lugar with Ryan Hicks and Tara Fleming



INDIANA

Senator Evan Bayh with Ryan Hicks and Tara Fleming



IOWA

Senator Charles Grassley with Lindsey Van Beek and Danielle Hoskins



LOUISIANA

Senator David Vitter (right) and Senator Mary Landrieu (left) with Miracle Johnson and James Twardowski



MAINE

Senator Olympia Snowe with Andrew Massey and Monike Santana



MAINE

Senator Susan Collins with Monike Santana and Andrew Massey



MARYLAND

Senator Barbara Mikulski with Danke Wu and Julie Chang



MASSACHUSETTS

Senator John Kerry with Ian Beatty and David LeBoeuf



MINNESOTA

Senator Norm Coleman with Anthony Hernandez and Aleesa Arends



MINNESOTA

Senator Amy Klobuchar with Anthony Hernandez and Aleesa Arends



MISSISSIPPI

Senator Thad Cochran with James Dennis, III and Ronniekka Steward



MISSISSIPPI

Senator Roger Wicker with Ronniekka Steward and James Dennis, III



MISSOURI

Senator Christopher Bond with Jordan Taylor and Hodia Nemes



MONTANA

Senator Jon Tester (right) and Senator Max Baucus (left) with Nicholas Corn and Tyler Dugger



NEBRASKA

Senator Chuck Hagel with Will Drevo and Wayne Banks, II



NEBRASKA

Senator Ben Nelson with Wayne Banks, II and Will Drevo



NEW HAMPSHIRE

Senator John Sununu (left) and Senator Judd Gregg (right) with Alexandra McKinney and Emily Rapp



NEW JERSEY

Senator Robert Menendez with Carissa Clark and Benjamin Farber



NEW MEXICO

Senator Jeff Bingaman with Nicholas Quintero and Julia Silva



NORTH CAROLINA

Senator Richard Burr with Zachary Mathews and Brian Heim



OHIO

Senator George Voinovich with Hannah Lomax-Vogt and Brian Jordan



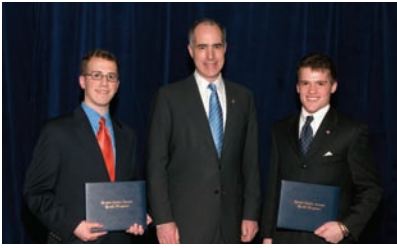
OKLAHOMA

Senator James Inhofe with Anish Tilak and Christopher Chesny



OREGON

Senator Gordon Smith with Taylor Smith and Richie Day



PENNSYLVANIA

Senator Robert Casey, Jr. with
Andrew Guy and Derek Grego



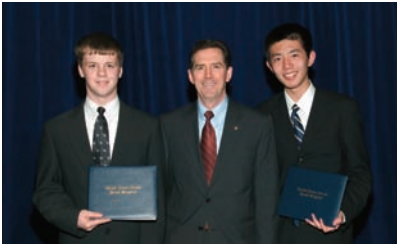
RHODE ISLAND

Senator Jack Reed with
Miranda Cummings and David Thibodeau



RHODE ISLAND

Senator Sheldon Whitehouse with
Miranda Cummings and David Thibodeau



SOUTH CAROLINA

Senator Jim DeMint with
Zach Croft and Haoxu Li



SOUTH DAKOTA

Senator Tim Johnson with
Jacob Fuhrman and John Wilson



SOUTH DAKOTA

Senator John Thune with
Jacob Fuhrman and John Wilson



TENNESSEE

Senator Lamar Alexander with
Richard Exton and Joseph Riley



TENNESSEE

Senator Bob Corker with
Joseph Riley and Richard Exton



TEXAS

Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison with
William Gifford and Tara Viswanathan



TEXAS

Senator John Cornyn with
William Gifford and Tara Viswanathan



UTAH

Senator Robert Bennett
with Francisco Martinez



VERMONT

Senator Patrick Leahy with
Micah Rose and Jessica Kaplan



VIRGINIA

Senator John Warner with
Kyle Gardiner and Sage Koontz



VIRGINIA

Senator Jim Webb with
Kyle Gardiner and Sage Koontz



WASHINGTON

Senator Patty Murray
with Christopher Brown (DoDEA),
Shin Kim and Joshua Pugil



WYOMING

Senator Michael Enzi with
Benjamin Norberg and Garnet Henderson



WYOMING

Senator John Barrasso with
Benjamin Norberg and Garnet Henderson

THE OUTSTANDING 2008 MILITARY MENTOR TEAM

[left to right]

*1st LT Anita Genetti, USMC; Major Dudley Cobb, USA; Major Michelle Avolio, USA; LT William Moynahan, USN; Captain Cynthia Kearley, USAF; Major Ivan Kanapathy, USMC; Lieutenant Commander Gene Anzano, Jr., USCG; Captain Timothy Booher, USAF; **SECRETARY OF DEFENSE ROBERT M. GATES**; Major Michael Tate, USAF; Captain Anja Loomis, USMC; Captain Todd Moulder, USMC; Lt. Rebecca Adams, USN; Captain David Schulz, USA; Lt. Jessica Gandy, USN; Lieutenant Steven Youde, USCG; 1st Lieutenant Sharon Toulouse, USA; Lieutenant Brett Cook, USN*



DISTINGUISHED EDUCATORS JOIN DELEGATES FOR WASHINGTON WEEK

Selection administrators from the Senate Co-Chairs' states are invited to join the delegates each Washington Week. Their presence, and the support of the dedicated program leadership greatly enriches the students' experience.



MR. BARRY STARK
*President, National Association of
Secondary School Principals*



MS. CAROL SMITH
California Department of Education

PROGRAM STAFF AND SUPPORTERS BRING STRENGTH OF EXPERIENCE



MR. CHARLES LEWIS
Washington Bureau Chief, Hearst Newspapers



MAJOR STEPHEN COX, USMC (RET.)
Washington Week Student Activities Director



A NIGHT TO SAY FAREWELL

The last dinner of Washington Week is traditionally the night for two students, who have been selected by their peers, to address the group. Delegates Joseph Riley (TN) and Zephaniah Smith (CA) did not disappoint as their rousing and inspirational remarks brought the room to its feet. The farewell evening also included the deeply meaningful flag folding ceremony by the Military Mentors as well as the pageantry of the Joint Armed Forces Color Guard and the United States Marine Corps Band.



[clockwise from top left]

The United States Marine Corps Band

Delegate Zephaniah Smith (CA)

Delegate Joseph Riley (TN)

Hearst Foundations Treasurer, Ralph Cuomo

*Hearst Foundations Executive Director,
Paul "Dino" Dinovitz*





IN THEIR OWN WORDS ...

"I greatly enjoyed the Court of Appeals Judge as a speaker. He was very witty and knowledgeable of all aspects of the law, as to be expected. I personally have a great interest in the law and someday wish to enter the Judicial Branch so I found it all the more entertaining to listen to his speech at breakfast. The Clerk at the Supreme Court was a wonderful speaker as well. As if it was not awe inspiring enough to sit at the site, we were given an inside look to what happens behind closed doors with the Justices. With his personal knowledge of the lives, rulings, and demeanors of the Justices, it was as if we were able to interview all of them through his speech."

ALESSA ARENDS USSYP 2008 – MN

"Washington Week was the defining experience of my life, for many reasons I was not fully expecting. I was moved by the amazing achievements many of my peers had already accomplished, and was motivated by their words to push myself further. In addition, the military mentors undoubtedly became role models for many of the delegates, certainly myself, with their service, friendship, and life stories."

ANDREW GUY USSYP 2008 – PA

"The USSYP Senate Reception, in my opinion, proved to be one of the most memorable experiences of the entire program. Not only was it exciting to catch a glimpse of well-known Senators up close, but it also gave us the privilege to personally speak with our Senators, to share our common interests on issues, and to listen to their advice on college choices and career goals. Such personable, open, and respectful conversations are so powerful. This, along with all of the other experiences during the Washington Week, genuinely reinforced my dedication and obligation to public service. USSYP taught me the real essence of what it means to contribute to and lead one's community and nation. It revealed to me the real lifelong joy that is embedded in public service."

DEREK WU USSYP 2008 – MD

"It was the company of the charismatic, outgoing, and intelligent group of students and the caliber of the people that spoke to us that shaped my Washington Week. The students thought on a national and global level. They asked intelligent questions and answered questions intelligently. The question and answer session with Deputy Secretary John Negroponte vividly remains etched in my memory. Delegates asked questions ranging from the human rights issues in China, to the solution of foreign oil consumption and the Secretary's own personal concerns in the world. Sitting in the Benjamin Franklin State Dining Room, hearing Secretary Negroponte answering our questions is one of many experiences I will never forget."

DEVANY SCHULZ USSYP 2008 – ND

"Mr. Dana Gioia, chairman for the National Endowment for the Arts, touched the hearts of arts enthusiasts. A devout public servant, Mr. Gioia remarked on the 'transformative nature of art' commenting that people who are readers/arts participants are better citizens taking a more active role in their communities. Mr. Gioia certainly inspired all delegates to take advantage of one of the most venerable rights our nation has granted its people—the freedom to pursue happiness and creativity."

FERNANDA LIMA USSYP 2008 – AL

"The most unexpected part of the trip was our interaction with the military mentors. Having had minimal exposure to the men and women who serve our country, I was awestruck by their dignity, their patriotism, and their discipline. Most of all, though, I was surprised by their affability and their warmth. They are what made my trip to D.C. a trip of a lifetime."

IRIS LEE USSYP 2008 – AZ

"When people with common interests meet, interesting things happen, especially when they come from such diverse parts of the country. I am from the Most Excellent State of South Dakota, and my roommate was from the Great State of Alabama – I've never met a real southerner before, but we got along admirably. I could have sworn I was picking up his accent by the end of seven days. The musical events were wonderful, especially the quintet from the Marine Bandbut I have no complaints about seeing the National Symphony at the Kennedy Center, none in the least."

JACOB FUHRMAN USSYP 2008 – SD

"My favorite speaker was Brian Lamb, CEO and Founder of C-SPAN. A closet C-SPAN watcher at home, I was in the majority at USSYP and proudly raised my hand as a regular viewer. I admired his tenacious founding of the channel, an uphill battle in a Washington that liked its marble columns and closed doors. The success of his quest for transparent government inspired me. I'm still a little shell-shocked by the fact that I can turn on the TV and know that I met the man behind all of this."

JULIE RAISCH USSYP 2008 – NY

"Senator Roberts showed us that politics doesn't always need to be personal. There are some times that two Senators will be completely opposed to each other on one topic, and after a heated debate on the floor, will go to lunch together and talk about the upcoming legislation that they are working together on. Senator Roberts told us that the principles of politics are that you take your job seriously, respect your colleagues, and remain tolerant."

KAYLA KERMODE USSYP 2008 – MI

"Each and every speaker had a fascinating story to tell. Hearing from the President was amazing, even though it was only for a few minutes. It would have been nice to have more time with him, but I will always cherish that moment when I made eye contact with the leader of our country. Having a question and answer session with the Secretary of Defense was amazing, and even though I didn't get to ask my question I was still awestruck by his presence."

MATTHEW BECKER USSYP 2008 – ND

"The greatest asset of the USSYP Week in Washington was communication. I witnessed youth from every corner of the United States learn, disagree, and grow. I observed bright students bonding with our greatest leaders. I was one of those proud students. I was awarded the opportunity to listen and assimilate with hundreds of individuals, individuals who will inspire America."

PAUL BAUMGARDNER USSYP 2008 – KS

"During Washington Week, I shed my assumptions about how I thought government functions. I learned that government is compromise, and solutions take time. Government works for the people. The people who determine how our world's problems should be solved are just that, people. They've strived to become who they are, much like any hard working student or professional, and they have achieved it taking many different paths. Congress is not exclusively doctors, lawyers, and businessmen. For example, John Tester of Montana is not a multi-millionaire. He is a farmer who intends, after his time in Congress, to return to his farm, much like Cincinnatus of Rome."

STEPHEN STOLZENBERG USSYP 2008 – WV

"My advice to anyone considering trying out for this program—stop. Stop thinking about it and do it! So many times we all see the U.S. government as this separate world, a place that we can only take tiny glimpses at through soundbites on news networks or articles in the paper. But in USSYP, there is none of that. You get a chance to see government in action. You go to where it happens, with who makes it happen, while it is happening."

WILL DREVO USSYP 2008 – NE

"Whether Senator Tester's down-to-earth personality or Chief Justice Henry's comedy, the speakers at Washington Week were truly amazing. Being able to hear from people who work in so many different areas of our government shed light on jobs I had no knowledge of before. Then, being able to meet with my own Senator midweek was very special for me. I found it amazing that the Senator of my whole state would make time to talk to me and my fellow delegate."

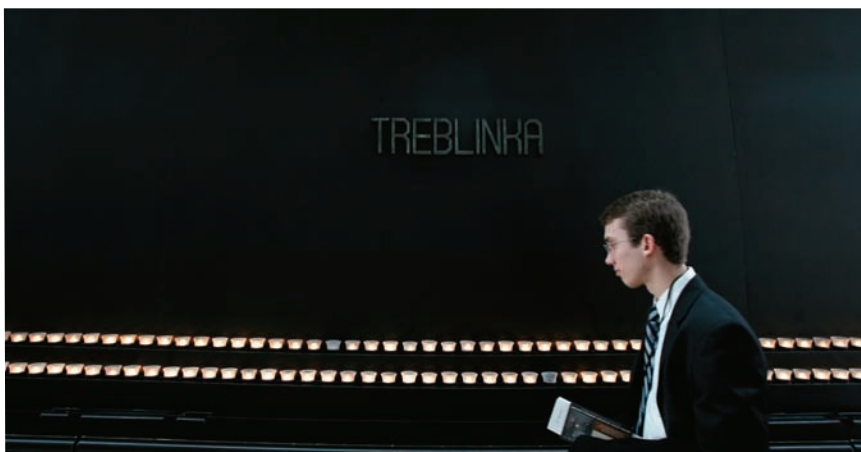
ZACHARY MATHEWS USSYP 2008 – NC

"Before this program I never believed people when they said that one experience can change your life; I always thought it was some over-romanticized worldview that served as an excellent marketing point. I now see how I was wrong. Being able to communicate with both today's and tomorrow's leaders on a personal level has left a deep legacy in my soul that has definitely changed my life and will continue to shape me long after the closing day of Washington Week."

ERIC WISTROM USSYP 2008 – WI



DELEGATES TOURED HISTORIC SITES IN THE NATION'S CAPITAL



[clockwise from top left]

Vietnam Veterans Memorial

The Capitol Rotunda

The Library of Congress Jefferson Building

The Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial

The National Holocaust Museum

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Steps of Lincoln Memorial

The Newseum

The Smithsonian National Air

and Space Museum







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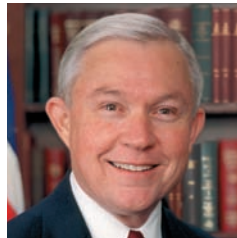


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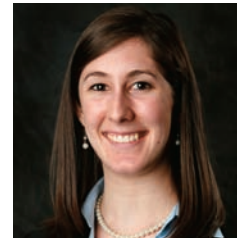
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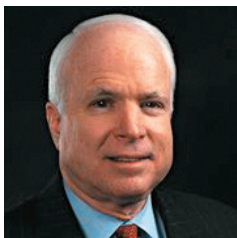


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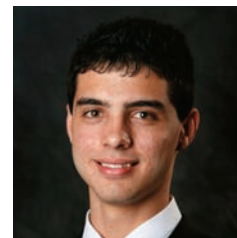
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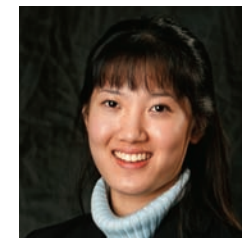
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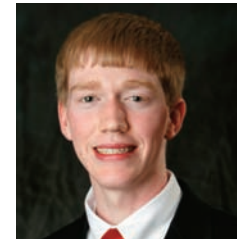
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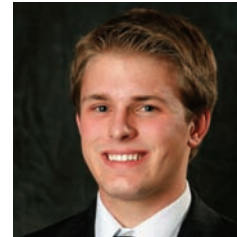
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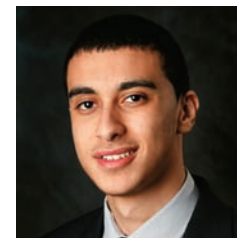
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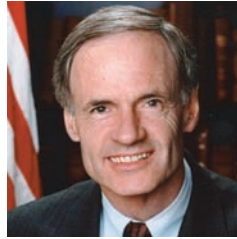


Ahmed Belal

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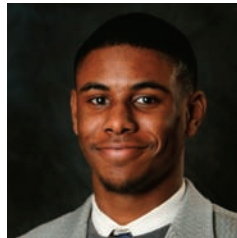


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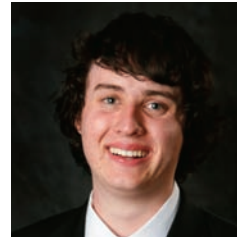
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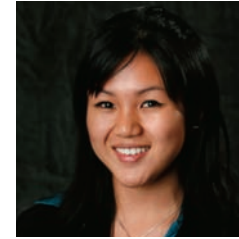
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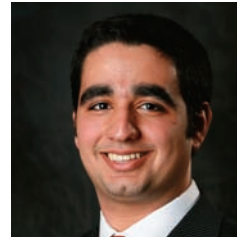
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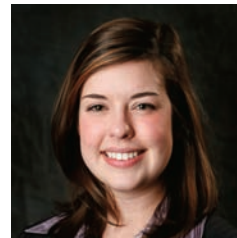
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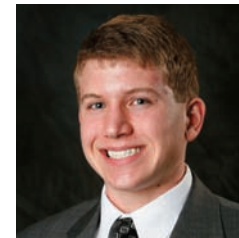
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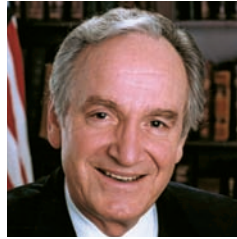


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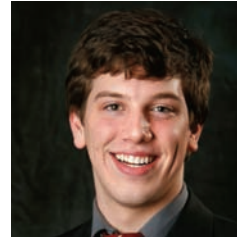
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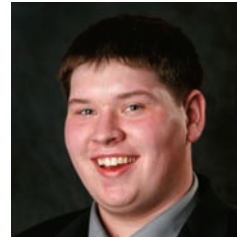
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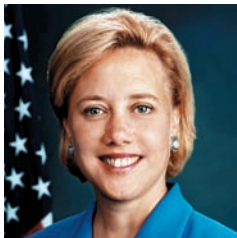


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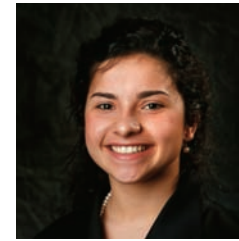
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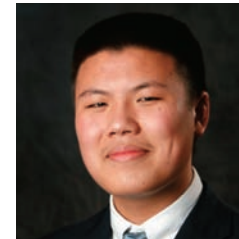
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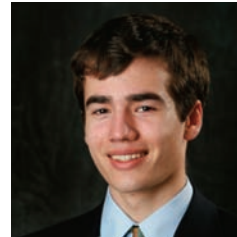
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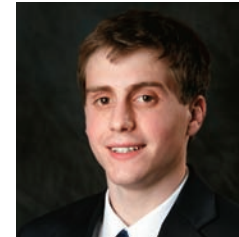
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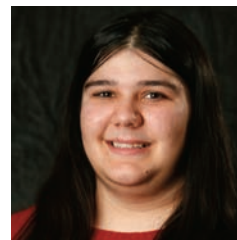
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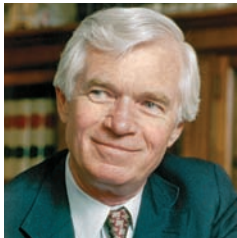


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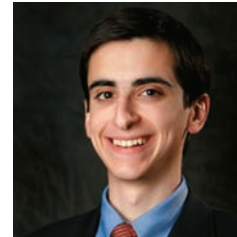
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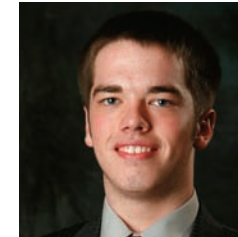
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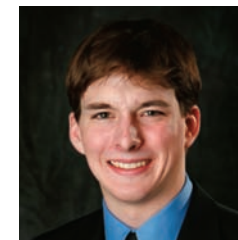
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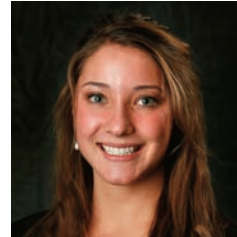
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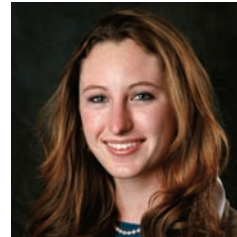
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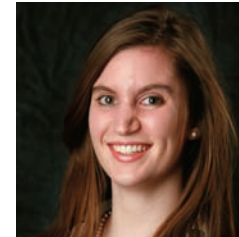
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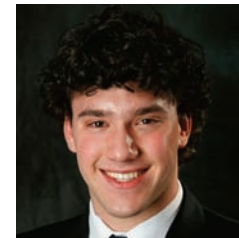
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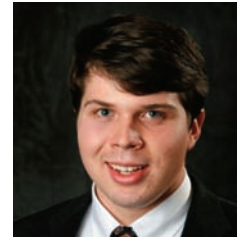
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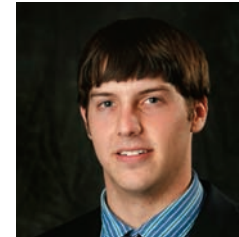
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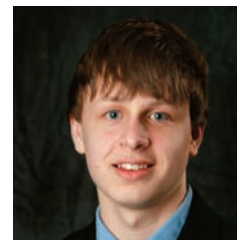
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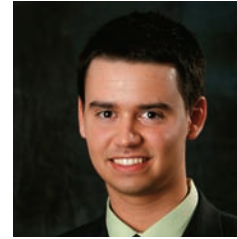
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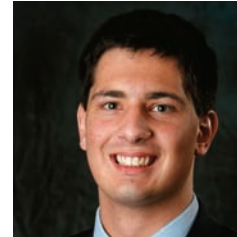
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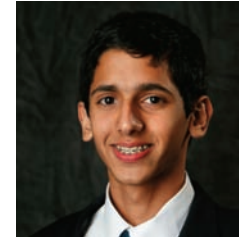
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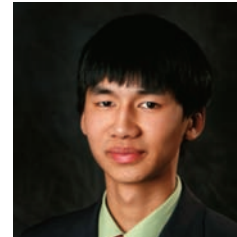
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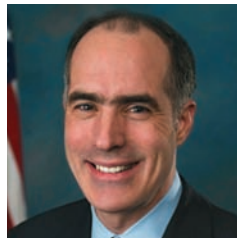


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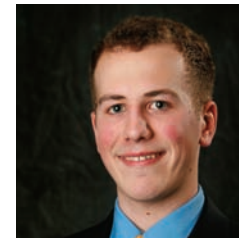
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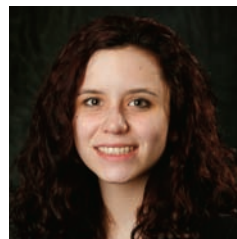
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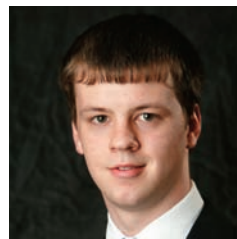
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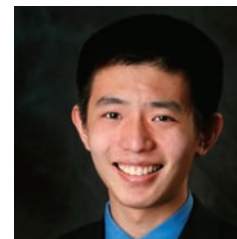
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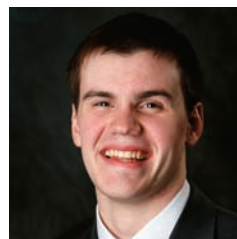
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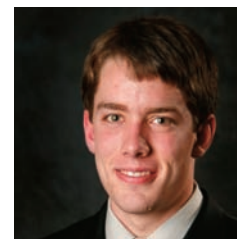
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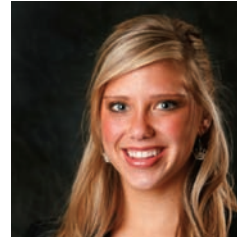
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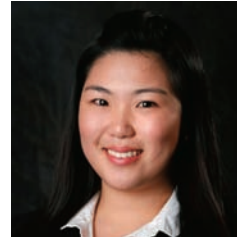
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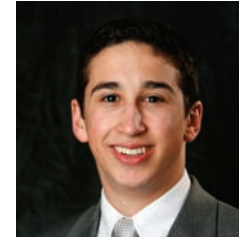
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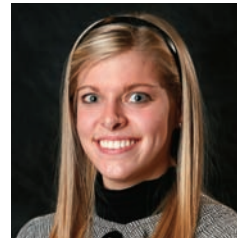
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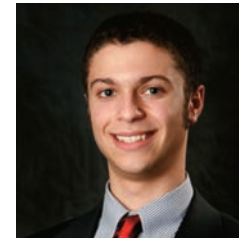
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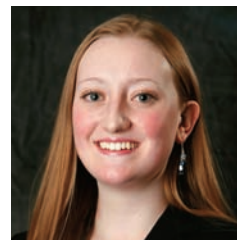
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A FAMILY, A FOUNDATION, A LEGACY

For 46 years, the United States Senate Youth Program has brought thousands of America's brightest young students to Washington, returning them home with insight into their heritage and scholarships to further their education. Each year the students leave with lasting impressions of their week including new friendships forged in shared experiences which many term "life-changing."

Although they did not live to see the program's creation, the progenitors of the Hearst Foundations are with the USSYP delegates each year in spirit. An exemplar of American success, George Hearst was born on a farm in Missouri and went west to seek his destiny in mining. Through industry and acumen he developed the family fortune, eventually becoming a U.S. Senator for California. At the time of his death in 1891 he had served four years of his six-year term. His wife, pioneering philanthropist Phoebe Apperson Hearst distinguished herself as one of America's most accomplished women, dedicating herself to educational and childrens' causes. She co-founded the National Parent-Teachers Association in 1897, and when she died one educator said, "Her charities were as broad as the sea and as silent as the quiet of the night."

William Randolph Hearst, their only child, was born in 1863 and became one of the great legends of American journalism—establishing vast media holdings and new forms of communication as his newspapers detailed the history of the 20th century. During his life he gave millions

of dollars to colleges, hospitals, kindergartens and museums and in the decade before his death he established two foundations that bear his name.

The United States Senate Youth Program was envisioned by William Randolph Hearst's sons, George R. Hearst and Randolph A. Hearst who worked with the Senate Leadership of the day—Senators Kuchel, Mansfield, Dirksen and Humphrey—to establish and authorize the program in 1962. Since inception, the Senate Majority and Minority Leaders and the Vice President of the United States serve as the program's Honorary Co-Chairs; two Senators, one from each party, serve as annual Co-Chairs; and an eight-Senator bipartisan panel serves as the annual Advisory Committee. The William Randolph Hearst Foundation fully funds all operational aspects of the program including college scholarships and yearly grants to the state departments of education to support selection administration.

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