

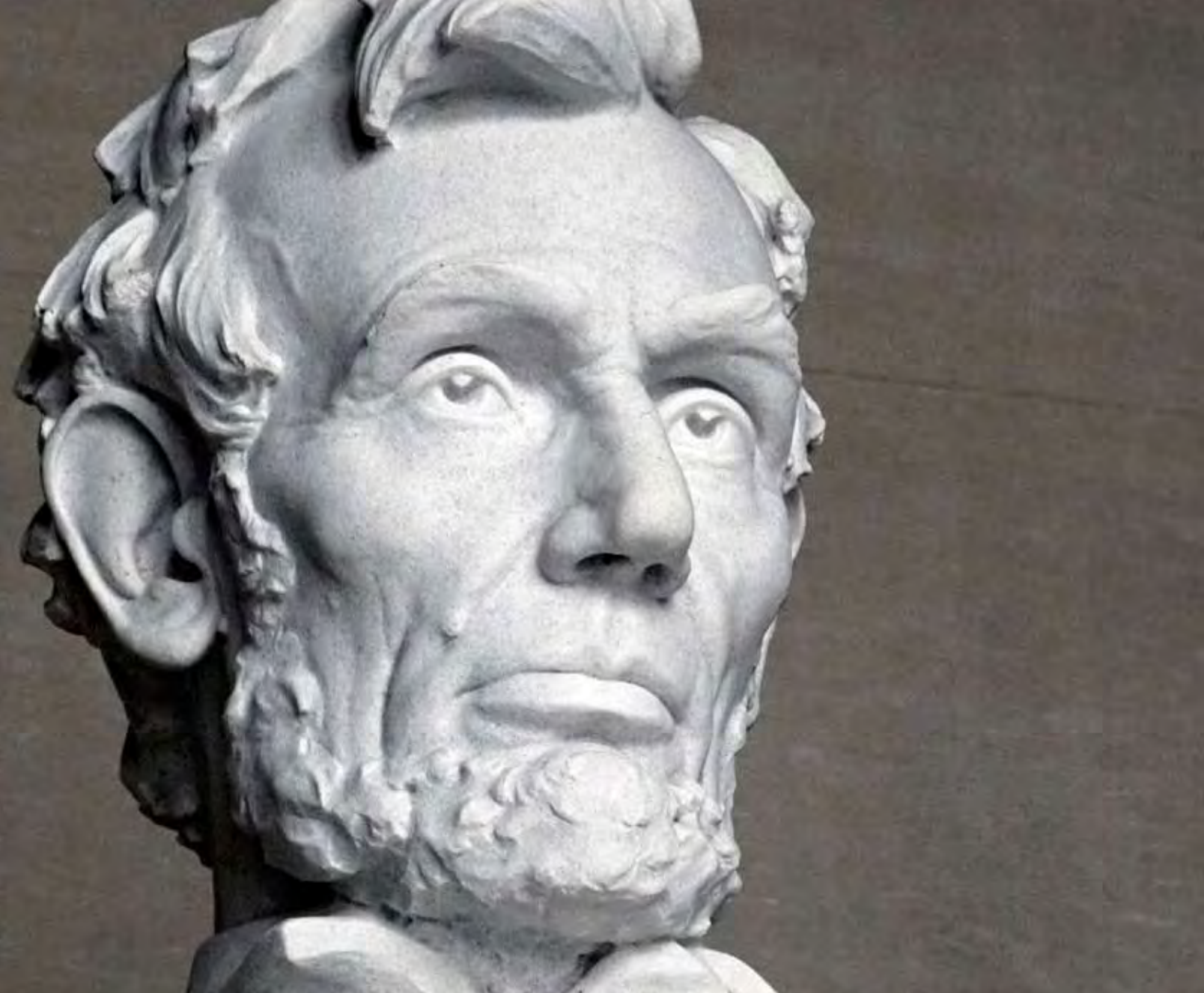
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# UNITED STATES SENATE RESOLUTION 324

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:

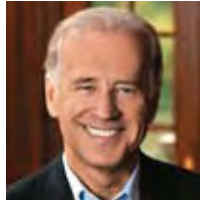
Section 3. For the purpose of this resolution, the term "State" includes the education system for dependents in overseas areas.

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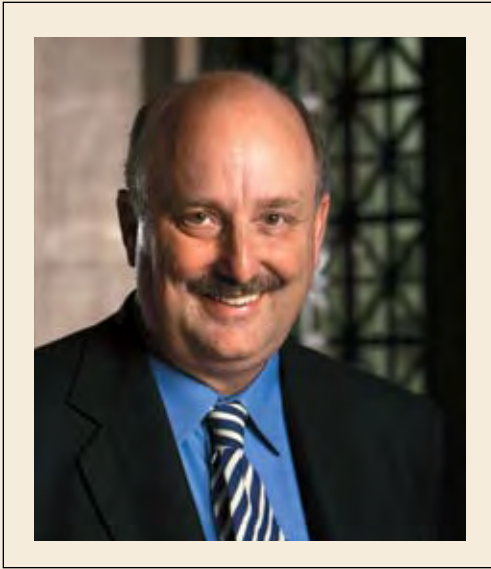
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**DEAR DELEGATES,**

On behalf of everyone at the Hearst Foundations I send our warmest congratulations to the student delegates of the United States Senate Youth Program class of 2009. This year's program was replete with fascinating speakers and myriad activities, and it was

a pleasure to be with you and see how admirably you represented your states with our nation's leaders. You truly embody the qualities of leadership and excellence that the Senate's own youth program is designed to encourage.

As the world looks to America for leadership during challenging times it seems especially important to invest in the youth of our country who are committed to careers in public service. The Hearst Foundations are honored to sponsor this unique and enduring partnership of the United States Senate, State Departments of Education, exceptional educators and outstanding students. Now 4700 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, Congressional staff and many other accomplished individuals. We salute you.

We also deeply appreciate the commitment of our 47th annual program Co-Chairs, Senator Thomas R. Carper of Delaware and Senator Lisa Murkowski of Alaska, and we thank the many other distinguished speakers who generously gave of their time. Washington Week could not take place without the continued endorsement of the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration and their excellent staff support. The U.S. Senate and program also thank the staff of the Council of Chief State School Officers and all the state-level scholarship 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

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 47th 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 strong commitment to public service they also form deep bonds with their peers from across the nation. The week of March 7th–14th, 2009 was wonderfully memorable for all.

Administered and completely funded since inception by The Hearst Foundations, 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.



## 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 to the Mayflower Hotel in downtown Washington, D.C. Excitement and anticipation mount as students meet for the first time and are welcomed by USSYP alumni and staff. Now more than 4700 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 delegates' questions about education and careers.

On this day, the students are also introduced to their Military Mentors, seventeen carefully selected male and female 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](http://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,*





[above] Senator Thomas R. Carper during opening dinner  
[top right] Presentation of Colors



[right middle] Senator Carper with Delaware delegates  
Peter Andrews (L) and Lauren Bleakney (R)



[bottom right] The Old Guard Fife & Drum Corps

## LESSONS IN LEADERSHIP AND LIFE FROM DEMOCRATIC CO-CHAIR

Senator Thomas R. Carper of Delaware launched the week's opening night dinner by enthusiastically greeting and shaking hands with nearly every delegate in the ballroom. The energetic former naval flight officer and two-term governor of Delaware described the trajectory of his career in politics as a series of long-odds opportunities that he seized. "I like to quote Thomas Edison," the Senator said. "He said that sometimes people miss out on opportunity because it comes along wearing overalls and is disguised and looks a lot like work." He counseled the students to look for opportunities in life, to stay in good physical shape by working out every day, to never give up if you believe in what you are doing and to strive for excellence in every endeavor. As illustration, he recounted a

conversation he had with Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor who told him of the hardship she faced in finding her first job as a lawyer because law firms at that time were not hiring women. "So she told the partner in one office, 'look, I'll make you a deal. I will work for you for nothing if your secretary will let me use half of her desk'—it didn't take long for the folks in the law firm to realize they had a very special talent there." Senator Carper also described stories from the early life of Colin Powell as examples of constantly striving for excellence, regardless of the task. In accordance with this principle, he said, that "in my office, I have a saying 'if it isn't perfect, make it better.'" He recalled listening to former British Prime Minister Tony Blair give a twenty minute

lecture on the profound importance of the golden rule. "Good leaders believe in, embody and inhale the golden rule," Senator Carper said, concluding that he had shared these lessons about leadership with the delegates because "you are going to have the opportunity to be leaders for our country and I urge you to keep in mind these qualities." He then answered the students' questions about bipartisan legislation he was sponsoring regarding youth obesity, climate change and presidential line-item veto power. Finally, he imparted the response he once gave when asked the secret to happiness: "Serve others," he said, "in my whole life that is the source of happiness that never lets me down."

## DESPITE SERIOUS INJURY, SENATOR MURKOWSKI COMES THROUGH FOR STUDENTS

The AP wire was humming with the story that one day earlier Senator Lisa Murkowski, the senior Senator from the state of Alaska, had tumbled as much as 400 feet suffering a serious knee injury while skiing at the Alyeska ski resort in her home state. Although she made it back to D.C. in time to roll onto the Senate floor in a wheelchair to cast her first votes of the week, it was not clear whether she would be able to complete her speaking role as the 2009 Republican Co-Chair for the USSYP delegates. The room exploded in applause as she entered, wheeled in with her leg carefully extended, a powerful example of leadership and commitment to youth. "If they ever tell you that woman is the weaker sex, they can come and wrestle with me

here!" she began. On the topic of public service, Senator Murkowski remarked, "I will tell you that you will feel that there is never a convenient time to serve," she said. "If you are young you will feel it is too early in your career; in mid-life you say 'well, I can't do it now because I am working and I've got kids,' and then when you are older you want to enjoy your retirement ... so if you are looking for the right time to do anything in public service, I say stop and just do it." She told the students never to be afraid to offer up ideas if they felt they had innovative thoughts and solutions for the public discourse. During the question and answer session Senator Murkowski explained her position on a woman's right to choose, including support for

birth control and sex education for students. She also described her surprise upon learning that her fellow Alaskan had been selected as the Republican vice presidential pick, saying, "I think Sarah Palin did a remarkable job of energizing a presidential campaign beyond anything most folks could have imagined." Coming from Alaska, she contrasted the logistical challenges of simply getting back and forth to Washington with that of her USSYP Co-Chair, Senator Carper of Delaware. Distance notwithstanding, she reminded the students of the great national treasure that is her state, inviting them to "come up to the state of Alaska. It is wonderful, it is wild and it is absolutely the most beautiful place you will ever go."

*[below] Alaskan delegates Marcus Farquhar (L) and Merijke Coenraad (R) with Senator Murkowski*

*[bottom left] Alaskan delegate Merijke Coenraad introducing the Senator*

*[right] Senator Lisa Murkowski (R-AK)*





[above] Senator Amy Klobuchar (D-MN)



[right] Senator Mel Martinez (R-FL)

## BIPARTISAN PLATFORM LUNCH COMMENTARY AND COUNSEL FROM BOTH SIDES OF THE AISLE

Senator Mel Martinez of Florida opened the 2009 USSYP Bipartisan Platform lunch with a brief sketch of his own inspiring story of immigrating to the United States from Cuba at the age of fifteen. Unable to speak English, the Senator and former Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for President George W. Bush lived with two foster families before his parents arrived in 1966. That experience, he said, was the motivation “in my public life to give back to this country because so much had been given to me.” The Senator encouraged the delegates to be engaged in civic activities, whether in an elected office or not, saying that “once you make that decision, be committed, and give it your all,” even if you are inherently shy as he stated he was. When asked about resuming trade with Cuba, Senator Martinez remarked, “it is mentioned that we trade with China, why shouldn’t we trade with Cuba? Cuba is more repressive than China in many, many ways, and labor conditions in

Cuba are much more deplorable than China.” He also insisted that the U.S. demand reciprocity in human rights conditions prior to any change in policy with Cuba. In closing, Senator Martinez warned against the excesses of partisanship, saying, “we have to overcome that pressure from the very extremes of both parties, so that we can move the nation forward and have a little more tolerance for differences in points of view.”

The humor began early as Senator Amy Klobuchar, who during the 2009 USSYP Washington Week was still the only Senator for the state of Minnesota, was introduced by the Minnesota student delegates with great emphasis on her singular stature. Senator Klobuchar continued the motif by recounting the time that she mistook Thousand Island dressing for soup at her first official lunch in the Capitol, and regaled the students with stories of her husband’s adjustment to life in Washington, including his active membership in the female-dominated Senate

Spouse Club. Elected in 2007, Senator Klobuchar serves on five Senate Committees, and she outlined several legislative priorities she is working on, including an initiative to improve the country’s infrastructure. “A bridge just shouldn’t fall down in the middle of America, but it did,” she said, referring to the eight-lane Minneapolis bridge that collapsed over the Mississippi River. The need to tighten oversight and regulation of the financial system to avert future economic crises and the development of alternative domestic energy sources to move the nation toward energy independence were also listed. Senator Klobuchar also cited practices at the Mayo Clinic in her state as a model for efficiently delivered end-of-life care that she will work to include in health care reform legislation before Congress. The Senator remarked on the increased work load her staff deals with on a daily basis without a seated second Senator, but she reflected on the advantage, “We don’t have a lot of friction in the delegation.”



*Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg with New York delegates Charlotte Saul (L) and Erica Pincus (R)*



*[top right] The East Conference room of the Supreme Court*

*[middle] Delegates inspired by Justice Ginsburg*

*[bottom right] 2009 Delegates and Mentors on the steps of the U.S. Supreme Court*

## A JUDICIAL PERSPECTIVE ON EQUALITY

The East Conference Room of the Supreme Court was hushed yet vibrating with anticipation for the arrival of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, the only woman currently serving as Associate Justice of the High Court, and only the second woman in history to do so. As many delegates later remarked, the diminutive physical persona of the Justice as she stepped to the podium contrasted sharply with the gigantism of intellectual principle and humanitarianism she shared with the students in the nearly hour-long session, replete with many questions from the students. Justice Ginsburg began by summarizing the case of *Loving v. Virginia* exemplifying both the importance of the Equal Protection Clause, a central factor in Justice Ginsburg's life and career, and the far reaching power of the Court to impact society. Forty years after

the case was decided, Mildred Loving stated "I have lived long enough to see big changes..." and Justice Ginsburg concurred, crediting the Equal Protection Clause with allowing her to see the appointment of two women as Associate Justices of the Supreme Court and the election of an African American President. She described the conditions she faced upon graduating law school in 1958 when law firms "would not hire women—and certainly no mothers—as lawyers," and she reminded the students that it was the McCarthy era when she first entered college, "not a good time for our country, when the United States was straying from its core values." "To freely think, reason and persuade," she said, is what she finds truly satisfying in life, and the defense of those freedoms is what originally sparked her interest in the law. "I cherish

this Constitution," she said, holding out her personal copy, "I take it wherever I go in the world." Asked for specific advice for female delegates, she said that "essential to my success in the law is that I have a caring husband who supported my career and shared the joys, and sometimes the turmoil, of raising children." Justice Ginsburg answered numerous additional questions about the functioning of the Court and her work as counsel to the American Civil Liberties Union and the ACLU's Women's Rights Project. She ended her remarks by saying "in my wildest dreams I never imagined I would be here—there is no better job for a lawyer. As long as I am capable of doing this job, I will."

## DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS COVERS BROAD RANGE OF ISSUES AT WEEK'S OUTSET

Robert H. Henry, Chief Judge of the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals and a USSYP delegate from Oklahoma in 1971, kicked off Washington Week 2009 by telling the delegates that they live in “remarkable times full of remarkable challenges.” The former state legislator, Attorney General of Oklahoma and law school dean went on to enumerate several front-burner policy issues for the students to consider as they experienced Washington Week and beyond, including the economic crisis, international trade, global health threats, human rights and the decline of an objec-

tive national media. As part of their preparation to becoming future leaders, he suggested the delegates study the inherent tensions between international law and national sovereignty in an increasingly globalized, technology-driven world. He also encouraged reading an upcoming book by federal Judge Richard Posner on the causes of the 2008–2009 market failures, and counseled the students to understand the history of the U.N. Declaration of Human Rights authored under Eleanor Roosevelt’s leadership. Judge Henry asserted that America’s political choices have failed the nation when

inadequate investment has led to the country’s crumbling physical infrastructure; yet he warned that depleting investment in our human infrastructure through cutting student loans puts the nation at even greater risk. “We have a little oil, a little natural gas and some other things—but most of what we produce that affects the entire world rests on our intellectual capital,” he said. The delegates eagerly asked him many pointed questions about his life and career, clearly demonstrating the promise of the intellectual capital of which he spoke.

*[right] Chief Judge Robert H. Henry*



## PRECEDENT, PROCEDURE AND PERSONAL HISTORIES REVEAL MUCH ABOUT LIFE IN THE SENATE

The Senate's most senior administrative officers, Secretary of the Senate Nancy Erickson, Chief Parliamentarian Alan Frumin and Senate Historian Richard Baker joined the students in the Russell building's historic Senate Caucus Room for a deeper look at how the Senate works and how their own careers began. Secretary Erickson, the thirty-second Secretary of the Senate and only the sixth woman to serve in this capacity, recounted her personal impressions of being in the Capitol on September 11th, 2001 and of

surviving the anthrax attack that followed. The mother of two said, "There would have been plenty of reasons never to return to work at the Capitol, the terrorists' number-one target, but public service means putting the good of the public ahead of the good of one's self." She explained the Framers' references to the Senate as "an anchor, a fence and a saucer"—relating how Thomas Jefferson told James Madison that the Senate is a great anchor of the government, and a fence against the fickleness and passions of

the public as served by the House. It was George Washington, she said, who described the Senate as the "cooling saucer" for the "hot tea" of House legislation. Chief Parliamentarian Alan Frumin then gave the delegates a more nuanced understanding of the differences between the "Upper and Lower Bodies" conveying the importance of minority rule, and the "steady, plow horse-like" parliamentary procedures that let the Senate take a mature, long view in the national interest.

*[left]* Delegates entering the Russell Senate Office Building



*[middle]* Chief Parliamentarian Alan Frumin with D.C. delegates Janell Holloway (L) and Clayton Armstrong (R)



*[right]* Secretary of the Senate Nancy Erickson





[right] Associate Senate Historian Don Ritchie with Maryland delegates Michael Appau (L) and Nicholas Dahl (R)

## PARALLEL LESSONS OF HISTORY

Associate Senate Historian Don Ritchie gave the delegates a fascinating and detailed history lesson at the start of Washington Week 2009 where he focused on the many historical parallels facing newly-elected President Franklin Delano Roosevelt in 1932 and the challenges facing President Barack Obama today. The author of numerous books and textbooks, including the recently published *Electing FDR: the New Deal Campaign of 1932*, Mr. Ritchie asked the students to appreciate the thrill of studying history by reminding them that only through hindsight are historical outcomes certain. The human drama of the 1930's was every bit as real as the challenges of today and each decision made or not made

could have led to different circumstances. Recalling the 1932 presidential campaign, he defined Roosevelt's central theme as one of hope and Hoover's as one of fear, noting that "in desperate times, hope trumps fear." "The economy was so bad in 1932 that the idea that it could be worse was really not what people wanted to hear," he explained, describing Hoover's strategy of saying that support for his untested opponent would lead to dangerous and radical decline. Mr. Ritchie recalled that one of Roosevelt's aides at the time retorted, "You can't scare a man who has been sleeping on the floor by telling him that he's going to roll out of bed." The barrage of New Deal legislation enacted in Roosevelt's first one

hundred days was evidence, Mr. Ritchie said, of a salient rule of history: "Governments exist to protect their citizens, and when times get tough, the citizens will not tolerate a passive government." He put President Roosevelt's activism in context, pointing out that Roosevelt stated that his goal was never to overturn the American economic system, but rather to "put the capitalist system back on the tracks and make it live up to its pretensions." The students were able to ask numerous questions about the history of the Senate and the federal government in general, deeply benefiting from the lively exchange.







## A HANDS-ON MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Excitement was mounting as the 2009 USSYP student delegates waited in the South Portico of the White House. They had just completed a customized military docent-led tour of the beautiful Executive Mansion, learning about the history of the country through the White House furniture, artwork and portraiture. Then, as the clouds cleared, President Obama came striding across the South Lawn with a broad smile and outstretched hand. The former Senator, who served previously as Senate Youth Program Co-Chair, congratulated the students on being selected, saying that he knew that “one day, one of you will be replacing me.” Still within the first one hundred days of

his Administration, President Obama took several questions from the delegates about handling the enormity of his responsibilities and getting used to life at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue. “A note of advice,” he counseled, “Don’t be intimidated by people who are smarter than you; you don’t have to be the smartest person to lead, but you have to surround yourself with a great team of people who may be even smarter than you.” When asked what he considered the best part of his job, the President deadpanned, “Really cool helicopter.” President Obama then shook as many hands as he could reach, giving the students an unforgettable Washington Week experience.

*[opposite page]*

*President Obama with 2009 Delegates and Mentors*

*[opposite page - bottom left]*

*President Obama with Hearst Foundation President William Randolph Hearst, III (L), Hearst Corporation President and CEO Frank A. Bennack, Jr. (R); (second row from the left) Hearst Foundations Director David J. Barrett, Hearst family member Samia Staehle, Hearst family member and Hearst Foundations Director Anissa Balson*



*Marcee Craighill, Curator of the State Department's Diplomatic Reception Rooms, leads the students on an educational tour*



*Students examining a globe from London circa 1776*



*[above] Deputy Secretary of State Steinberg addressing the students*



*[top right] Acting Deputy Spokesperson Spokesperson Gordon Duguid*



*[bottom right] Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs Michael Polt with Tennessee delegates John Angle (L) and Richard Herron (R)*

## VISIT TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE

The visit to the elegant Diplomatic Reception Rooms of the U.S. State Department began with Curator Marcee Craighill giving the students a customized tour of the historic art, furniture and other national treasures housed in the magnificent setting. The luncheon followed in the Benjamin Franklin State Dining room with Gordon Duguid, Acting Deputy Spokesperson for the Bureau of Public Affairs, graciously introducing the keynote speaker, Deputy Secretary of State James B. Steinberg.

The second highest-ranking official at the State Department, Deputy Secretary Steinberg spoke about his tenure as Dean of the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas at Austin and gave an overview of the global challenges facing America from abroad. He reinforced the value of public service in all levels of society, exhorting the delegates to uphold the work of service in their schools and hometowns, but to keep an eye toward worldwide service. Internationally, Deputy

Secretary Steinberg reiterated that we need to cooperate with others who share our goals. The delegates had the opportunity to speak at length with the State Department officials seated at each table who served as hosts and ambassadors from this vital federal agency.

## LESSONS IN GLOBAL STRATEGY AT THE PENTAGON

Lieutenant General Paul J. Selva provided the USSYP 2009 delegates with a comprehensive picture of America's military and strategic interests in the world during a fascinating discussion at the Pentagon that included a generous question and answer session. General Selva, who holds a master's degree in political science, currently oversees matters requiring close personal control by the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs, Admiral Mike Mullen, with a particular focus on international relations and politico-military concerns. His time with the students reflected his deep academic knowledge of world history and events in addition to articulating nuanced aspects of military

policy. He defined the tension between Western China and Tibet as an area of great concern and said that some of the most fought over land in history—that of India, Afghanistan and Pakistan—remains of great import to the U.S. in the fight against terrorism. General Selva encouraged the students to pursue studies and careers focusing on these regions to help contribute to finding solutions for peace and security. "Performance, luck and timing will define what will happen to you in your career," he said, "but how hard you work and how much you are willing to learn directly equals the quality of your performance." He framed the issue of global warming from a

national security perspective, saying that land disputes will proliferate if sea levels rise, scarcity of safe drinking water could pose both security and public health challenges, and a re-tooling of the Department of Defense may be necessary to lessen the department's carbon footprint. "Where will humanity be in fifty years?" he asked, "If we see this is a national security threat today, you are going to have to solve it!" Speaking of his own career, he extolled the virtues of physical fitness he maintains through his military training, encouraging the students to "choose to exercise" for both mental and physical benefit.



*[above] General Selva with Department of Defense Education Activity Students Luke Morange, Texas (L) and Michael Boone, Virginia (R)*



*Student delegates thanking General Selva*



*Delegate Bradley Lentz of Wisconsin asking a question*



*Delegates touring the Pentagon*



*[left] Delegate John Angle of Tennessee and USSYP Student Activities Director Stephen Cox listen to Chairman Bair*



*[middle] Chairman of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Sheila Bair with Kansas delegates Robert Reilly (L) and Mitchel Loring (R)*



*[right] Hearst Foundations Executive Director Dino Dinovitz (L) with Sheila Bair and delegates*

## MIDWESTERN LEADER CONFERS BASIC VALUES DURING COMPLEX FINANCIAL CRISIS

Sheila Bair, the Chairman of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, spoke at length about the current status of the financial crisis facing the nation and described her pivotal role in strengthening institutional functionality and consumer confidence. Ms. Bair clarified the chronology of events that led to the credit freeze

and asserted that “banks continue to be well capitalized by regulatory standards...I would say you can have faith in your banks, faith in your banking system, and certainly have faith in FDIC insurance.” She said that one of the positive outcomes of the current economic situation is that people are relearning the basic values of

thrift and saving for a rainy day, crediting her small-town Kansas upbringing by depression-era parents with imparting those same values to her. Ms. Bair’s long history of public service, including as an author promoting financial literacy for children, was of great interest to all.

## MICHAEL LEITER, DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL COUNTERTERRORISM CENTER

*“Our job is to keep you safe but also protect your civil liberties...the two can and should be complementary.”*

Mr. Michael Leiter, Director of the National Counterterrorism Center (NCTC), is head of counterterrorism for the intelligence community and a policy advisor to the president on counterterrorism. He gave the delegates a comprehensive and sobering briefing on the state of terrorist threats to the nation today and outlined the priorities his agency is pursuing eight years after the attacks of September 11th. “We make sure that our government is well positioned to arrest terrorists and to stop them by other means,

but we also make clear to Muslims throughout the world that we know that this terrorism has nothing to do with the purity of a wonderful religion,” he said. He told the delegates that the ideology that spawned the 9/11 attacks “has not changed—it is still there, and there are people who still espouse it as actively today as on September 10th.” He addressed the duality of new technologies and increased globalization since 9/11 saying that while ease of travel and new technology applications for communication

and social networking allow for opportunities to build understanding among people and nations, a “dark side” to these advances exists that aids terrorists. The student delegates engaged in a vigorous in-depth question and answer session with Director Leiter, in the midst of which he commented humorously, “This is the best bunch of questions I have gotten in any setting, including the Senate Intelligence, Foreign Relations and Homeland Security Committees, in a long time.”



[above] Director Leiter with New Jersey delegates Jeffrey Desilets (L) and Megan Partridge (R)





*Brazilian Ambassador Antonio de Aguiar Patriota*



*The Grand Ballroom of the Mayflower Hotel*



## ANNUAL USSYP AMBASSADOR LUNCH

*“What can be enlightening for anyone interested in international affairs is to look at the multiplicity of points of view...this will serve you well when you are looking for solutions to bridge differences across nations and cultures.” — Brazilian Ambassador to the United States, Antonio de Aguiar Patriota*

The Brazilian Ambassador Antonio de Aguiar Patriota was the keynote speaker at the annual USSYP Ambassador Lunch, immediately following the students' meeting with President Obama at the White House. The Ambassador drew several parallels between the American president and President Lula of Brazil, saying that both men defend the idea of dialogue as an important diplomatic tool and that both had to overcome prejudice in their own societies to become elected. Ambassador Patriota summarized political and economic conditions in his country and cited other social similarities between the U.S. and Brazil that present opportunities for cooperation. “A common trait we share is that we

are very multi-ethnic and very multi-cultural,” he said, “and that we have the two largest contingents of African descendents outside of Africa.” He told the students that former U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice recently helped establish a new mechanism to exchange ideas to combat racial discrimination in both countries. Focusing on another area of common interest, he said, “As of 2006, Brazil has become completely energy independent. We are to the point where more than half the cars on the roads in Brazil today run on sugar cane-based ethanol; gasoline has actually become our alternative fuel.” Ambassador Patriota described Brazil as a model of diplomatic leadership saying that although his is a large and

powerful nation surrounded by ten neighbors, “diplomacy is very important for us. We have enjoyed peaceful relations with all of our neighbors since the mid 19th century,” crediting the rigorous diplomatic training required of all Brazilian ambassadors. The former Brazilian representative to the U.N. Security Council answered many of the delegates' questions including several about working at the United Nations. “I am a firm believer in multilateralism in general but the U.N. in particular,” he said, adding, “Although the United Nations has not corresponded to all the aspirations of mankind, the world would be much worse off if the United Nations did not exist.”



[above] Student delegates speaking with Ambassador Patriota after his remarks



[top right] Amanda Swenson of California introduces Ambassador Patriota



[bottom right] Adam Klein of California thanks the Ambassador



Indiana delegates Mark Mace (L) and Garrett Webb (R) and others thank Mr. Lamb

## BRIAN LAMB, FOUNDER OF C-SPAN

*“The checks and balances are the only thing this country has that really matters at the heart, because if you give anybody—whether it’s the media or an elected official—a chance to dominate, they will do it. You better hope that the media gets more powerful, rather than less.”*

Brian Lamb, president, CEO and founder of C-SPAN, met with the delegates early Thursday morning for a rollicking interactive discussion about the particular Washington nexus between politics and the media. Quickly dismissing the podium, he moderated fast-paced debate among the students about what they had learned and observed during Washington Week. A critical question posed was why some Senators had made

time to be at the program and why others had not. “It is a difficult lesson to learn in Washington,” said Mr. Lamb, “and I get this lesson about once a day, about how important you are.” He described himself as a skeptic, but also reminded the students, “We can be quite critical right in the middle of this week about what goes on in this town—but in how many countries could you do this?” The give and take offered

the students new angles to ponder. “Do me one favor,” Mr. Lamb concluded, “You will never forget this week; but when you go home and talk about it, remember the ‘H’ word—humility. And thank your teachers, who in a lot of cases are why you are here. And when you come back as a Congressman or Congresswoman or Senator, be sure you come on our call-in show.”

## DAVID BECKMANN, PRESIDENT OF BREAD FOR THE WORLD

*“My main advice to you is: be gutsy, take chances, do the right thing, follow your insights. For sure, don’t try to figure out what the job market is going to be like because I think you can make the job market. You are smart enough. You are talented enough. So do what you think is important and then get hired to do that.”*

One in six American children experiences hunger each year, and even short-term episodes of hunger can cause lasting damage to a child’s development, according to Bread for the World and the Alliance to End Hunger, a non-profit organization that organizes individuals and institutions to pressure Congress to end hunger at home and abroad. Bread for the World President David Beckmann spoke to the students about

the work of advocacy in Washington in general and specifically about his efforts to mitigate hunger, poverty and disease. “In this country a lot of people think poverty is part of just the way things are—like the sun coming up in the morning.” Beckmann continued, “You can go to the soup kitchen or the food bank and help out a little bit, but Americans really have lost imagination about the feasibility of dramatically

reducing poverty.” He reminded the students that poverty was cut in half in the 1960s and cut by a third in the late 90s. “You are exceptional in your capacity to understand how policy is made so you can, more than most people, connect as advocates on some issue you care about and, in fact, change the direction of history.”



[above] David Beckmann with Connecticut delegates Charlotte Sawyer (L) and Michael Thomson (R)





## TOUR AND CONCERT AT THE KENNEDY CENTER

*“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*

The United States Senate Youth Program delegates attended a concert of the National Symphony Orchestra following customized docent-led tours of the Kennedy 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 and the numerous works of art that were gifts from governments around the world as gestures of peace and sympathy. “The Arts of the Arabesque” festival was in full swing at the Kennedy Center during the students' visit, an example of how the arts can serve as a platform for cultural diplomacy.





*Students in the Grand Foyer at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts*

*[[left to right] Delegates Michael Appau (MD), Meagan Shamberger (NH), Yvonne Tindell (AZ), Julia Hubbard (CO) and Hunter Nicholson (MS) standing outside the Kennedy Center*



*Delegates listening to a docent in the Kennedy Center Opera House*





## HONORS FROM THEIR SENATORS

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



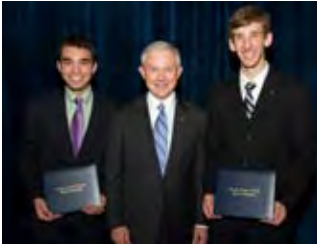
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Senator Richard Burr with Zachary Cady and Warché Downing



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Senator Judd Gregg and Mrs. Gregg with Meagan Shamberger and Melia Robinson



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Senator Jim DeMint with Seth Bostrom and Graeme Crews



**TEXAS**

Senator John Cornyn with Hunter Skoog, Colin Parajon and Luke Morange (DoDEA)



**SOUTH DAKOTA**

Senator Tim Johnson with Nolan Goetzinger and McKenzie Jordan



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Senator Lamar Alexander with John Angle and Richard Herron



**WYOMING**

Senator Michael Enzi with Ryan Ragaglia and Samuel Rubino



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## THE OUTSTANDING 2009 MILITARY MENTOR TEAM

Led by Major Eric McCoy, USSYP Senior Mentor Officer, and Captain Eleanor C. Faherty, USSYP Assistant Senior Mentor Officer.

*[left to right] Captain Justin Silverman USN, Captain Mackalynn Harmon USMC, Major Timothy Thurston USAF, Lieutenant Junior Grade Judith Bik USCG, Lieutenant Robert Pipkin USN, Lieutenant Benedict Gullo USCG, Captain Gabriel Padilla USA, Lieutenant Brett Cook USN, Major Eric McCoy USA, Lieutenant General Paul Selva USAF, Captain Eleanor Faherty USAF, Captain Elvin Cruz Rivera USA, Major Dax Battaglia USMC, Captain Jonathan Bissell USA, 1st Lieutenant Caleb Eames USMC, Lieutenant Antonio Donis USCG, Lieutenant Elizabeth Martin USN, Captain LaDonna Singleton USAF*





Mica Spicka (NE)



Andrew Connery (OK)

## A NIGHT TO SAY FAREWELL

Washington Week tradition is to give to two student delegates, who have been selected by their peers, an opportunity to provide farewell remarks for the group. Delegates Mica Spicka of Nebraska (with a fabulous introduction by Adam Klein of California) and Andrew Connery of Oklahoma (introduced with humor and aplomb by Elise Barry of Vermont) 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 and the pageantry of the Presentation of Colors by the Joint Armed Forces Color Guard and the United States Air Force Band Brass Quintet.



## DISTINGUISHED EDUCATORS JOIN DELEGATES FOR WASHINGTON WEEK

The President of the National Association of Secondary School Principals and selection administrators from the states of the USSYP Senate Co-Chairs are invited to join the delegates each year for Washington Week.



Mr. Larry Bradley  
President, National Association  
Secondary School Principals



Mr. Preston "Dusty" Shockley  
Delaware State Department  
of Education



Ms. Kay Holmes  
Alaska State Department  
of Education



IN THEIR OWN WORDS...



I was very fortunate that both my Senators Reed and Whitehouse attended the annual senate reception and signed my scholarship award. I had a very lengthy conversation with both Senators, despite the Supreme Court dinner that awaited them, and appreciated the time they spent with me. In my opinion, this spoke volumes about their character and will be something that I will never forget.

— [Stephen Peltier, Jr. USSYP 2009, RI](#)

Justice Ginsburg said that Equal Rights has continuously been our greatest struggle, our greatest challenge. In the past with cases such as *Loving v. Virginia* which focused on race, to the present where cases are focused on gay and lesbian rights, Justice Ginsburg truly isolated our nation's long lasting fight. Lastly, I admired Justice Ginsburg's humor even in a serious situation. Her lighthearted answer to questions such as, "If you could be any type of ice cream what would you be?" created a less pretentious and more accepting and "normal" air around her. I will never think of pistachio ice cream the same again.

— [Merijke Coenraad USSYP 2009, AK](#)

During Washington Week, Lieutenant General Selva was the speaker who stood out most to me. Expecting high ranking members of the military to be more reserved and strict, I was surprised by his down to earth demeanor. Even when it came to those tough questions, he answered them and in the same fervor that he would answer a favorable question. He genuinely wanted to share his insight with us, to pass his experiences on to the youth of tomorrow.

— [Eric Deng USSYP 2009, UT](#)

Before I left for Washington, I was anticipating some heated political debates to form. And sure enough, they did. However, the delegates were some of the most respectful and tolerant kids I have ever known. Sure, there was a scuffle or two, but we were able to debate about everything from healthcare to who had the best view from their hotel room in the most civil manner I have ever seen, and my hat goes off to my fellow delegates.

— [Sam Rubino USSYP 2009, WY](#)

I'm sure you've heard the phrase "E. Pluribus Unum"—from many, one. However, have you felt it? I have felt this thrill—the thrill of knowing that the people that I am with, myself included, are representing an entire generation. We were from different states and different environments, but together, we formed a group of young leaders with pride in our nation, a nation that, like us, was experiencing confidence in the past, motivation for the present, and hope for the future. Not only did we believe in "E. Pluribus Unum"—we embodied it.

— [Erica Pincus USSYP 2009, NY](#)

Coming in, I did not totally understand what the "military mentors" were, but now that I'm back home they were one of the best parts of the trip. We were able to see incredibly accomplished individuals who choose to serve their nation through military service. I think that I was not alone in my amazement of the nuclear physicists, lawyers, and more that served as our mentors, guides, advisors, and—most importantly—our friends. The experience would have been entirely different without them, and they made Washington Week even more wonderful.

— [John Angle USSYP 2009, TN](#)





My favorite part, which will more than likely be every delegate's, was listening to our very personable, intelligible, and compassionate president Barack Obama. I was just astounded to listen to one of my heroes, actually shake hands with the man, and have him look me in the eye. I will never forget the moments while I was with the rest of the delegates, waiting outside the Oval Office in nervous anticipation for President Obama to arrive and spend some time with us.

— Braeden Chase Hogie USSYP 2009, MN

My peers from Washington Week contributed depth and life to the presentations. Their questions provided additional dimensions to the speeches of the renowned individuals that spoke to us. I found the best component of that week in our nation's capitol wasn't the famous monuments or prominent leaders, but rather the companionship of a set of peers that cherished those monuments and leaders as much as I did.

— Breeze Potter USSYP 2009, ID

Towards the end of his address, Brian Lamb summarized my feelings towards the whole experience, in just one word. Lamb encouraged us to be humble, saying that humility was one of the most important character traits for us to obtain as delegates. The United States Senate Youth Program was a humbling experience.

— Charlotte Saul USSYP 2009, NY

Ambassador Patriota provided a unique opinion from the perspective of an official representing one of the globe's rising powers. In Washington D.C., it's quite easy to fall into a bubble whereby U.S. policy constitutes the only policy. The ambassador provided a viewpoint from outside this bubble that demonstrated the feelings of the world outside the U.S. In many cases, Ambassador Patriota praised the U.S. government for its actions; at other times, he criticized. Overall, Ambassador Patriota struck a perfect balance between praise and criticism that provided a healthy example of how one can disagree in an amiable way. More simply put, the ambassador was a fine example of how to politely debate and discuss.

— Ian Rockwell USSYP 2009, VT

Most importantly, this program reaffirmed my decision to enter the print journalism field. USSYP was an incredibly in-depth examination of the U.S. government, but I cannot help but think we only brushed the surface. I am now far more eager to submerge myself in the world of political media coverage. Furthermore, when I am a professional print journalist, I have a solid chance at landing the exclusive interview with one of my fellow delegates, presumably a future Senator or government official.

— Melia Robinson USSYP 2009, NH



There wasn't a moment that I was not learning something about the world, someone else, or myself. Whether it was talking to a fellow delegate or listening to a Senator, not a second was wasted. However, this is not to say that I got comfortable. In fact, at every turn I was being challenged. No time was spent bored or still, and there was always someone ready to engage in a deep conversation. I cannot imagine a better group of people to spend this week with. The true learning took place in my interaction with the other delegates. No person at a podium could ever top it.

— Vincent Tennant USSYP 2009, WV

Washington Week changed my life, perspective, and aspirations. It instilled in me a sense of fiery patriotism for my country—a patriotic duty I seek to fulfill not by hanging flags or saying the Pledge of Allegiance every day, but by serving the public. I will strive to become that perfect politician who is not corrupt, faithful to his constituents, and willing to take a stand for what is right. I believe the United States Senate created this program to ensure responsible leadership in the future—I believe they have done just that.

— Mitchel Loring USSYP 2009, KS

As the week came to a close on Friday night, I had the privilege of watching the flag folding ceremony with immense honor. While watching the military mentors fold the flag that symbolizes our nation, my heart was filled with pride that I have been so blessed to live in the United States. I knew in that moment that the week I had just experienced would stay in my memory for the rest of my life. I would take the lessons I learned over the course of the week and apply them to my own life, and my future political ambitions.

— Seth Bostrom USSYP 2009, SC

To gain the insight of people who have touched so many lives through their extraordinary efforts is an incredibly deep experience; it offers a unique perspective that provides the thoughtful scholar with real world connections to bring ideas to fruition. To interact with people of such high caliber and moral integrity challenges young leaders to rise to the same level, to generate ideas and thought-provoking questions that reflect the promise of youth.

— Megan Partridge USSYP 2009, NJ





## USSYP DELEGATES TOURED HISTORIC SITES IN THE NATION'S CAPITAL

*[clockwise from top]*

*The Capitol Rotunda*

*The Vietnam Veterans Memorial*

*The Newseum*

*The Vietnam War Memorial Sculpture*

*[opposite page: clockwise from top left]*

*The Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial*

*The National Holocaust Museum*

*The American History Museum*

*Tomb of the Unknowns*

*The Lincoln Memorial*







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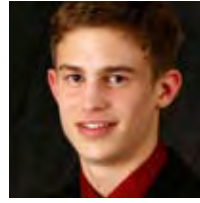
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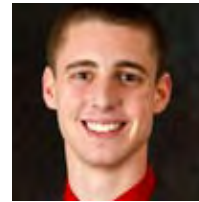
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\* Representing the State of Virginia in place of Austin Collins, absent due to illness.



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Ryan Ragaglia



Samuel Rubino

## A FAMILY, A FOUNDATION, A LEGACY

For 47 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."

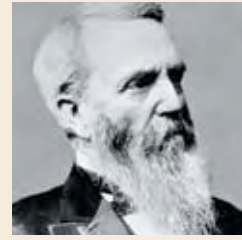
Although they did not live to see the program's creation, the progenitors of The Hearst Foundations are with the USSYP delegates each year in spirit. An exemplar of American success, George Hearst was born on a farm in Missouri and went west to seek his fortune in mining. Through industry and acumen he built the family fortune, eventually becoming a U.S. Senator for California. At the time of his death in 1891 he had served four 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 children's 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 Kuichel, 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 of each party, serve as annual Co-Chairs; and an eight-Senator bipartisan panel serves as the annual Advisory Committee. The Hearst Foundations fully fund and administer all operational aspects of the program including college scholarships and yearly grants to the state departments of education to support the selection of delegates.

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