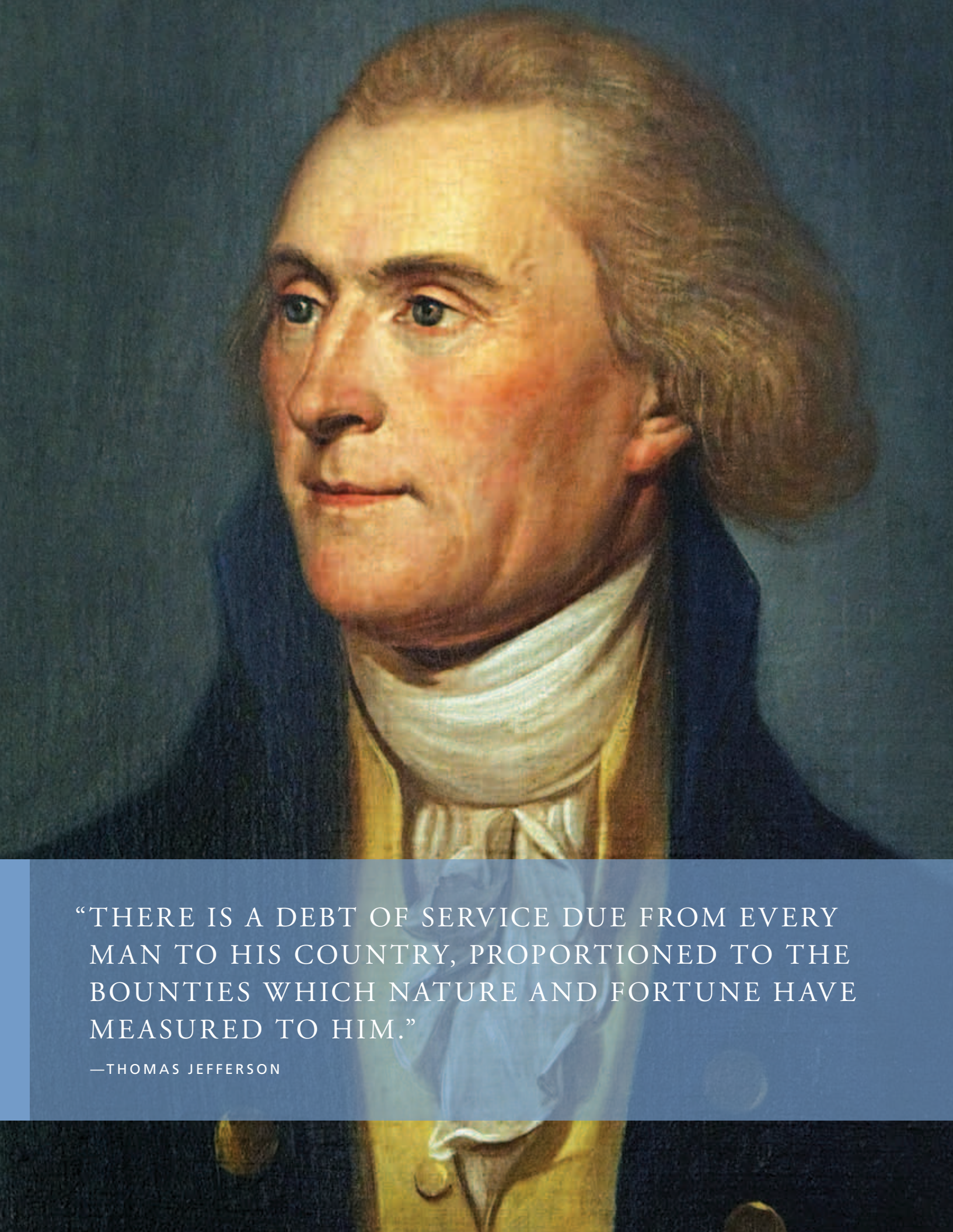




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UNITED STATES SENATE RESOLUTION 324

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.





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 2010. This year's Washington Week took place during a time of heightened legislative activity and the question and answer sessions with the program speakers were especially animated and thoughtful. It was a pleasure to experience your intellectual curiosity and to see how admirably you represented your states. You embody the qualities of leadership, energy and achievement that the Senate's youth program is designed to encourage.

As America actively moves forward in facing a spectrum of long-range challenges both at home and abroad, it is critically important to support young people 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 almost 5,000 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; New Jersey Governor Chris Christie; 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 48th annual program Co-Chairs, Senator Robert P. Casey, Jr. of Pennsylvania and Senator Thad Cochran of Mississippi, 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 United States Senate and the United States Senate Youth Program also thank the staff of the Council of Chief State Schools 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 STATE SENATE YOUTH PROGRAM

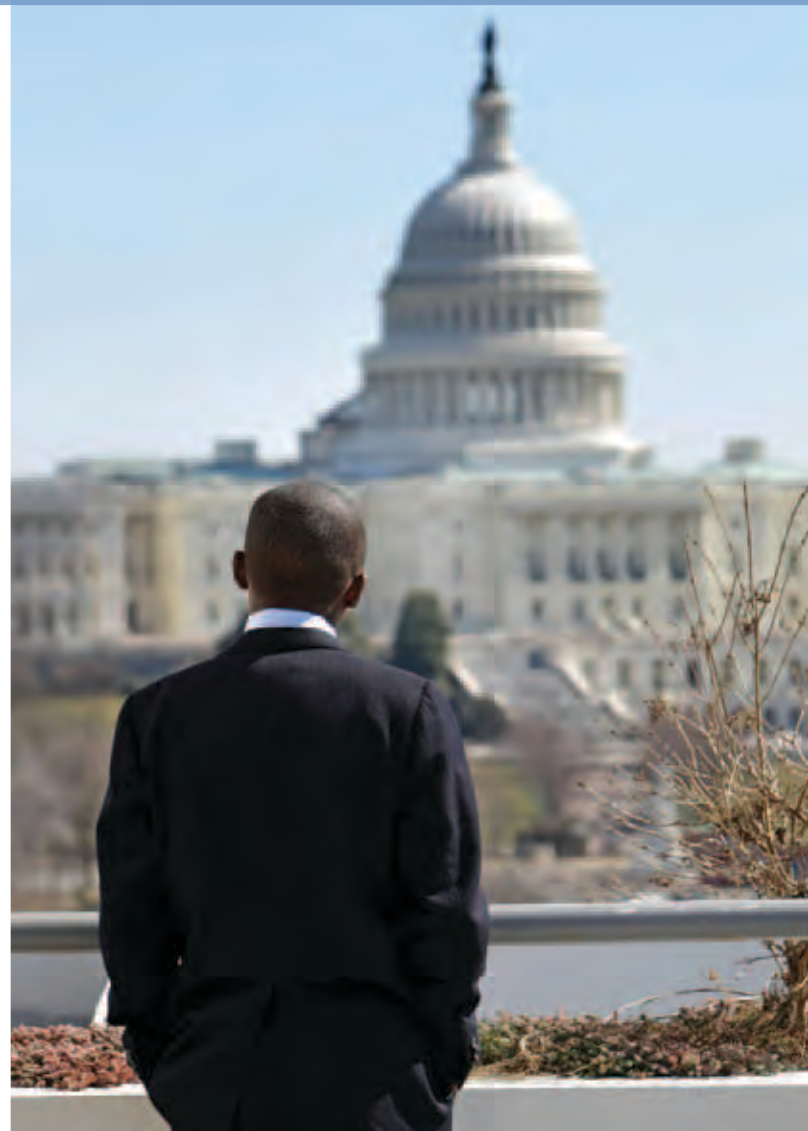
The United States Senate Youth Program is an intensive week-long educational experience sponsored by the United States Senate that nurtures an important reservoir of student talent and energy toward the high purpose of public service.

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 48th 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 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 is 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 historic 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 almost 5,000 strong, USSYP alumni have distinguished themselves in the fields of government, education, law, health care, engineering, information technology, non-profit, business and journalism, and are on hand at designated mentoring tables to answer questions about education and careers.

On Welcome 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) 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.

[bottom right] United States Senate Youth Alumni Association President David Zavadsky (WI – 1990)





SENATOR ROBERT P. CASEY, JR. SHARES SOURCES OF STRENGTH AND INSPIRATION

The Democratic Co-Chair of the U.S. Senate Youth Program had two “firsts” on Monday, March 8, 2010: an inaugural appearance as speaker for the program and a round-trip ride with President Obama on Air Force One. “The size and grandeur of that plane is really a symbol of the country,” he said, “It’s a symbol of our remarkable ability to continue to produce technology and to innovate, and it’s also a symbol of the strength of the presidency.” Senator Casey recounted his own path to public service, beginning with the example of his father who served Pennsylvania as State Senator, State Auditor, and for two terms as Governor. “My father had a legendary integrity and character,” he said, “and although he faced many political challenges, he was very optimistic about the world and what you could do to help people by serving in public office.” Abraham Lincoln, whom he described as maybe “the most fascinating American ever,” Martin Luther King and the late Senator Ted Kennedy were all cited as personal sources of inspiration. He urged the delegates to gain instruction from

Senator Kennedy’s work ethic and behind-the-scenes roles as compromise and consensus builder which earned him great admiration from colleagues on both sides of the aisle. Senator Casey spent considerable time taking delegates’ questions on issues relevant to his appointments on the Senate HELP, Agriculture and Foreign Relations Committees – including giving his opinion of upcoming elections in Iraq, an analysis of the tax credit in the jobs bill, and the value of researching food-based alternative fuels. Reflecting on his time with the President, he said, “What inspires me and gives me confidence about his ability to lead is his equanimity – he has a sense of history, a sense of the future and he does not overreact or get too angry.” He congratulated the delegates on the magnitude of their achievement for being selected, and quoted Martin Luther King by saying, “Remember that ‘service is a form of greatness,’ and I am insisting that you serve your country in some way. All public service is a trust given in faith and accepted in honor, and every public official has to earn that trust every day.”

[left] Senator Casey with Pennsylvania delegates Anna Maria Garuccio and John Pope; [right] The Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps performs at the opening dinner







REPUBLICAN CO-CHAIR DESCRIBES BUDGET PROCESS AND BIPARTISANSHIP IN INFORMATIVE AND CANDID REMARKS

Senator Thad Cochran, Senior Senator from Mississippi and USSYP 2010 Co-Chair, displayed a depth of legislative experience and answered many delegates' questions at the Mississippi-themed luncheon held in the Senate Hart Building. Elected in 1978 and a long-time member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, Senator Cochran provided a synopsis of the potentially mysterious federal budget process, delineating the time frames involved and the interaction between the executive and legislative branches. He described the bipartisan cooperation he enjoyed with Committee Chairman Daniel Inouye of Hawaii and said that what he enjoyed most about his life in the Senate was "the excitement and opportunity of working with bright, talented people who serve in the Congress and those who are working in high levels of responsibility in the executive branch as well." When asked about the negative perception of earmarks, he explained, "If we didn't have earmarks, I guess you could just generally put a big number out beside the Department of Health and

Human Services and let the executive branch decide how that amount of money should be spent among all of the programs and activities under its jurisdiction. It would be a ceding of the power by the people's representatives to the executive branch of how their tax dollars are spent." And when queried on how he personally has helped effect a decrease in the national deficit, Senator Cochran replied, "I think through my work as a member of the Appropriations Committee, generally speaking, to be cautious, to make sure that the funds that you are approving are needed, they are authorized by law, they serve the public interest, they are consistent with our budget that's adopted by Congress every year, and that the committee plays by the rules." A long and active supporter of the U.S. Senate Youth Program, Senator Cochran congratulated the students noting that the USSYP is one program Senators love participating in as much as the students. "They don't just take anybody into this program," he said, with a twinkle in his eye.

[above right] Senator Cochran with Mississippi delegates Matthew McDonald and Allison Taylor



AMERICAN HISTORY AND PROFILES IN COURAGE REVIEWED BY EXPERIENCED LEADER FROM NORTH DAKOTA

In a speech filled with quiet passion and insight, Senator Byron Dorgan, who announced his retirement from the Senate earlier in the year, inspired the delegates with key ideas and historical lessons gleaned from a thirty-year career in public service. After recounting some of the history of the Senate through the provenance of several Senate desks, including his own at which Senator Robert LaFollette was poisoned in 1908, he urged the students to continue to study and learn from history because “understanding the history of our country teaches you where we’ve been and what we’ve done and the importance of those lessons for the future.” He told the stories of Alice Paul and Lucy Burns, women’s rights activists who sought the vote in 1917 and were brutally beaten and tortured, as well as the story of Congressman John Lewis who was also severely beaten for drinking from a “whites only” water fountain during the struggle for civil rights decades later. “My point is, change

is hard,” he said, “and those who advocate change are always called ‘radical’ by those who cling to what is.” Describing the best speech he ever heard, Senator Dorgan told the story of Polish leader Lech Walesa, who, speaking before a Joint Session of Congress, described the energy behind the Solidarity movement. “We were workers, men and women, banded together believing that people ought to be able to choose their own destiny,” he quoted, “Understand this: ideas are more powerful than guns.” One delegate asked Senator Dorgan how he was able to serve as State Tax Commissioner at the young age of 26. “My notion has always been like that of a runner in football – if you see daylight just run for it,” said the Senator. “Never undersell your talents. In the years ahead, take a look at the table set in front of you and when you have an opportunity just say, ‘I can do this. I really can do this.’ It is all about attitude in my judgment.”

[this page] Senator Dorgan with North Dakota delegates Adam Swigost (L) and John Mitzel (R); [opposite page] Senator Lugar with Indiana delegates Madeleine Clark (L) and Millicent Cripe (R)

SENIOR SENATOR SPEAKS ON FOREIGN POLICY AND THE IMPORTANCE OF TAKING A STANCE

Senator Richard G. Lugar, one of the U.S. Senate's most senior Republicans and the longest serving U.S. Senator in Indiana history, began his keynote remarks to the students by giving a fascinating recounting of his day "to bring to the fore certain issues that are paramount in the eyes of the Congress and the President, likewise I think of considerable interest to you." As Ranking Member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, he began his day with a visit from the Australian Ambassador to the U.S. who wanted to understand why an important and symbolic arms treaty had not been signed by the Americans. The Senator, a Rhodes Scholar and deeply-respected expert on foreign policy, then launched into a discussion of congressional vs. executive branch authority over foreign affairs. He described an overture he made to fellow Committee Member Senator John Kerry to resolve the treaty issue in a bipartisan way. "Our Senate and House procedures are sometimes characterized as fractured, or grid locked," Senator Lugar said, "but there is a very strong bipartisan strain, and it is an important thing to emphasize." The delegates were then given details of the Senator's meeting that followed with President Obama at the White House to review climate change legislation. He told the

students of his suggestion to the President to frame the issue as one of national security. "It is an old theme enunciated by at least the last four Presidents...that we are far too dependent upon foreign oil," said Senator Lugar, "but the facts of life are that from the time that Franklin Roosevelt met with the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia there was at least an implicit, if not explicit, idea that we needed the oil and that we are prepared to provide defense for those nations in case others intruded upon their sovereignty." The delegates took part in an intensive question and answer period on topics as diverse as the Non-Proliferation Treaty Conference, the START talks, the Citizens United case, self-governing rights for native Hawaiians, the use of cloture and a two-state solution in Israel. Senator Lugar added that he was proud of several controversial stances he had taken over the years, particularly in utilizing his leadership role to promote democracy in the Philippines and anti-apartheid efforts in South Africa. In closing, the Senator told the delegates, "I would encourage it of each one of you that a part of your life might be spent in public service, if not in elected office, in appointive offices in which you can give of yourselves, of your intellect, of your hearts to so many people who really need you."





A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE HIGHEST COURT IN THE LAND

Sonia Sotomayor, the newest Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, greeted the student delegates with warmth and exuberance in her first appearance at the United States Senate Youth Program's annual visit to the Supreme Court. "I want to see your faces," she said, smiling, as she eschewed the formal desk and chair awaiting her and walked up and down the aisle of the beautiful West Conference room personally congratulating the students. "I am settling in to one of the most exciting and challenging jobs in the world," she said, acknowledging her recent appointment in August of 2009, "every day I pinch myself hoping I never wake up." Moving quickly to questions, Justice Sotomayor began by citing *Marbury v. Madison* as one of the most critical cases that has come before the Court. "The significance of *Marbury v. Madison* was establishing our Court's role as the ultimate arbiter of constitutionality under our system of government even though the Constitution does not say that directly," she explained. In discussing the vibrancy of the Constitution, Justice Sotomayor pointed out that "most of the world has a parliamentary system but our system does not tell you when a law is constitutional. Our Constitution was given to

us as a set of principles that we continue to apply to future generations." That active application is what she finds most interesting about her work as a Justice, she said. "Cases come to us when the answers are not clear; it is not a question of overturning precedent, but rather a question of interpreting precedent." A female delegate asked Justice Sotomayor how she felt being the first Hispanic and only the third woman to serve on the Court. "I never thought of myself as a minority when I was little," the Justice replied, recalling her close-knit early family life. "My Mom was my role model, she was at work, she became bilingual—I never thought women were limited." The summa cum laude graduate of Princeton and then Yale Law School gave students advice to "go to college and be generalists—soak up as many major areas of interest as you can. One of the things that has always attracted me about the law is that we interact with every single factor in society—we are generalists." Upon closing, Justice Sotomayor magnanimously posed with all of the students for group photographs, surely to become treasured keepsakes from a profound and personal event.



AT CENTER OF DEBATE, SECRETARY SEBELIUS MAKES TIME FOR LIVELY SESSION WITH STUDENTS

In the midst of an historic health care reform debate in Washington, Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius delighted the delegates with a surprise visit where she spoke about her life-long devotion to public service, beginning with her early childhood. “I was born and raised in a political family in Cincinnati, Ohio. My dad ran for city council when I was five, and I really thought what families did in the fall was go door to door and put up yard signs. No one ever told me it was a voluntary activity.” Pragmatism was a major factor in her choice of political career, she said, first as a volunteer then as a member of the Kansas House of Representatives. “Our legislature is only in for 90 days and my children were young, so this was a more family friendly arena,” she commented. “My entrance into politics wasn’t about someday being Governor or a Cabinet Secretary, it really was about an opportunity to do something I love and spend some more time with my children.” In fact, she became the first Democrat and the first woman to be elected Kansas Insurance

Commissioner, and she served as Governor of Kansas before being tapped by President Obama to come to Washington. She praised President Obama as a “very thoughtful leader. He wants to get the best advice from whoever it comes from, and he doesn’t want the advice cooked in advance.” During a lively Q and A session addressing the issues before HHS including the H1N1 pandemic, youth obesity, the Haitian earthquake disaster and the health care reform debate, Secretary Sebelius noted “there haven’t been many issues or efforts that have gone on in this last ten months where our agency hasn’t been deeply involved.” Regarding tort reform, Secretary Sebelius said that HHS is looking at model programs for replication such as that in Michigan to bring down malpractice premiums for doctors. She dampened concerns about passage of a public option-style health care plan, saying, “The President felt it was important to build on the current system.” And she strongly defended the independence of science, “One of the cardinal rules in our agency is that we will not have politics overrule science.”

Secretary Sebelius with Kansas delegates Daniel Kornfeld and Kerra Cissne



CHIEF JUDGE OF U.S. TENTH CIRCUIT GIVES PRIMER ON LAW AND JUSTICE

Robert H. Henry, Chief Judge of the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals and USSYP alumnus (OK – 1971) began the annual Washington Week 2010 kick-off breakfast with what was to be the first of several critical discussions during the program on the changing state of the media in our democracy. “Given a choice of government and no newspapers or newspapers and no government, I’d take the latter,” he said, paraphrasing Thomas Jefferson and pointing to the reporter’s notebook given to each delegate as a symbol of the foundational role of the fourth estate. He continued with a primer on the judicial branch and the origins of justice as we know it. The former state legislator, Attorney General of Oklahoma and law school dean told the delegates to understand the importance of the American formation of the independent judiciary branch, what the late Chief Justice Rehnquist called the “crown jewel of the American system.” Using the Old Testament’s first reference

to justice as a catalyst, he answered the delegates’ questions on natural law, utilitarianism vs. positivism and restorative justice. Judge Henry encouraged the delegates to read ancient texts such as the Torah, the Iliad and Plato, noting “all ancient texts have something to say – that’s how they get to be ancient!” In conclusion, he told the students of a malicious racial incident that galvanized the African-American and Jewish communities in Oklahoma City to hold a rally. An African-American minister promoted love and harmony by exhorting people to learn to love each other; he was followed by a bookish rabbi. “That’s a great idea,” said the rabbi, “but it will never work. I would be satisfied if we would learn to follow the law.” “You see,” Judge Henry said, “The law is a great edifice, a great structure. The law and justice sometimes take different paths, but it’s best when they take the same road, and as judges, that’s what we try to do when we can.”

Chief Judge Henry with Oklahoma delegates Hunter Brunwald and Abbee Cox



DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS GIVES VIEW FROM INSIDE THE WHITE HOUSE

U.S. Senate Youth Program alum Brian Kamoie (PA – 1989), Senior Director for Preparedness Policy on the White House National Security Staff spoke to the delegates about what it is like to work in the White House and his role in developing national policy related to all-hazards preparedness. The freewheeling discussion touched on the issues of food security and supply, interagency coordination, the earthquake in Haiti, Hurricane Katrina, H1N1 and power grid security, among others. Mr. Kamoie highlighted the uniqueness of the American federal system and the reliance placed on local resources as the first line of defense. “One of the things I learned most from Katrina,” Mr. Kamoie said, “is not to underestimate the will and spirit of the American people. If you give them good information, they can take care of themselves. Our obligation is to support them in that and take care of the people who can’t

take care of themselves.” He credited the USSYP with preparing him to have not only the passion for public service but also the confidence, “Ultimately... this program will show you and teach you that public service is really about leadership.” Mr. Kamoie’s advice to the delegates was to keep in touch and engaged with one another, and to ask hard questions of the senior leadership they were meeting throughout the week. With an eye toward the future, when many delegates themselves would assume positions such as his, he counseled, “ It’s easy to say, ‘Look, I’m the smartest person in the room, and I have the best ideas’ but that’s not going to get you very far because everybody else coming to the rooms you’re going to spend time with think that as well. So your job will be to take a lot of diverse interests and work toward a common vision for how you solve challenging problems.”

Mr. Kamoie with Delaware delegates Abby Walter and Brent Ashley



SENATE HISTORY, ADMINISTRATION AND PROCEDURES TAUGHT BY SENIOR SENATE OFFICERS

The Senate's most senior administrative officers, Secretary of the Senate Nancy Erickson and Chief Parliamentarian Alan Frumin, met with the student delegates in the historic Russell Senate Caucus Room to conduct an in-depth session on Senate procedures, rules and history. Secretary Erickson, who described her position as that of "safeguarding the Senate's work and history" explained the role of the Senate as the great anchor of government and the important differences between the Senate and the House. Although she referenced the Latin definition of 'Secretary' as the 'Keeper of Secrets', she told the students of the many technology-based initiatives she is working on to

make the workings and history of the Senate more accessible and transparent. Chief Parliamentarian Alan Frumin, speaking at the height of the health care reform legislative debate, described the critical role parliamentary procedure can play in a great policy debate. "I have a passion for anonymity," he said in acknowledging the students many questions about his own pivotal role in the debate and deflecting any personal prognostication. "The Senate is based on consensus, thought, compromise and consideration," he said, and he asked the students to ponder how the ethos of the Senate will evolve in the 21st Century.

[left] Chief Parliamentarian Frumin; [right] Secretary Erickson with South Dakota delegates Jeffery Young and Sarah Day





A FOUNDING FATHER AND RENAISSANCE MAN BROUGHT TO LIFE BY SENATE HISTORIAN

Senate Historian Don Ritchie gave the students a fascinating overview of the legacy of Thomas Jefferson as well as a history lesson on the Senate, its rules, and the founding of the nation overall. Meeting with the delegates in the magnificent Jefferson Building of the Library of Congress, Mr. Ritchie relayed Jefferson's many contributions beyond having authored the Declaration of Independence; he also wrote the first Senate Rules Manual, still the basis of Senate protocol today, and he gave the country his own personal library which became the core collection of the national Library in which the students sat. "Really, the Library of Congress is just as much of a monument to Jefferson as any marble edifice that exists along the Tidal Basin," said Mr. Ritchie. The Senate Historian characterized Jefferson as more of an idealist and a firebrand, and said it was probably best for the country that he was serving as Minister to France when the Constitution was being written primarily by James Madison, the pragmatist. "Historians have discussed for years that there is a tension between the idealism of the Declaration of Independence and the pragmatism of the Constitution. Some people would call the Declaration of Independence

a liberal document and the Constitution a conservative document. In American history, there has always been a tension between these two poles." As Vice President and President of the Senate, Jefferson furthered the role of the Senate by writing the congressional Rules Manual outlining requirements for decorum that are still followed today. When questioned whether politics are rougher today, Mr. Ritchie said, "Aaron Burr is famous in history for shooting and killing the leader of the opposition party, Alexander Hamilton, which is a suggestion that politics were pretty raw and rough in the 1790s and the early 1800s, and this is exactly the reason why Jefferson wrote that manual." Mr. Ritchie cited one significant change since the days of Jefferson, "the vast expansion of the Executive branch is beyond what the authors of the Constitution had in mind and especially in foreign and military policy. I think the Executive branch has claimed sort of unilateral control over some issues." Jefferson's restoration of the Library of Congress book collection with donations from his large personal library after the fires of 1814 set a precedent for the expansive collection which is now the largest library in the world.

Senate Historian Don Ritchie with Maryland delegates Daniel Arias and Gabriela Perla



A WARM AND SPIRITED MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Audible gasps erupted from the group as the President of the United States strode down the red carpet from the West Wing to the East Room where the delegates and military officers were assembled and waiting. "Hey, you guys look better than the real Senators!" President Obama joked, smiling broadly and easing the tension. The former Senator who was once a USSYP Co-Chair congratulated the students on being selected and answered several philosophical questions. He told the students that he abides by Abraham Lincoln's motto of living to do good in the world, and he counseled them to gain success in life through finding their passion and

becoming expert in that area. "Don't focus so much on what you want to be; focus instead on what you want to *do*," he guided, saying that celebrity and wealth should not be goals in themselves. When asked what advice he would give those who wanted to stand in his shoes one day, the President replied, "Be careful what you wish for! This job looks more glamorous from the outside." He told them, however, that to lead "you must have a vision and a deep desire to help people and work for the common good." "I'll keep the seat warm for you," the President added.







DIPLOMACY, ELEGANCE AND HISTORY ON DISPLAY AT 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 Richard Verma, Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, and Philip Crowley, Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs, introducing the keynote speaker, Deputy Secretary of State James B. Steinberg. The second highest-ranking official at the State Department, Deputy Secretary Steinberg spoke of the great challenges and opportunities for the United States to provide leadership on issues such as nuclear proliferation, climate change, energy security and dangerous pandemic diseases such as the H1N1 flu. He acknowledged the dilemma America faces of “on the one hand, providing the leadership that the world looks to from the United States, but also the recognition that leaders without followers are not very

successful either.” After taking many excellent questions from the students on Cuba, Kashmir, China, Israel and North Korea, Deputy Secretary Steinberg summarized his remarks to the delegates on an optimistic note. Describing the new Obama Administration’s mission he said, “It’s a very hopeful vision that recognizes the value that the United States brings to the world, not only by what we can do, but what we stand for. We have a foreign policy that reflects both our interests and our values of commitment to democracy, of human freedom, of liberty, of opportunity, of diversity, and of respect for one another.”

[opposite page - above] Deputy Secretary Steinberg; [below] Marcee Craighill, Curator of the State Department’s Diplomatic Reception Rooms; [this page - above] Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs Richard Verma; [below] Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs Philip J. Crowley with Massachusetts delegates Pierre Joseph (L) and Gregory Savageau (R)



MULTIFACETED VIEW OF THE PENTAGON IN THE 21ST CENTURY

William Lynn III, the Deputy Secretary of Defense, was the keynote speaker for the annual USSYP visit to the Pentagon which included a customized tour of the building as well as remarks by two other high-ranking officials, Brigadier General Loree K. Sutton, M.D. and Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs Douglas B. Wilson, who each also gave generously of their time. Deputy Secretary Lynn gave the delegates an in-depth picture of his job as chief advisor to Secretary Gates and as “the Chief Operating Officer of the Department of Defense.” Describing the magnitude of his management responsibilities, he said, “The management challenge of the Pentagon is pretty substantial. I mentioned the \$700 billion budget. We have 3.3 million people, about 1.4 on active duty, 1.2 million in the Guard and Reserve, another 700,000 civilians. That gives us a million more people than Wal Mart, who I think is the largest employer in the United States.” The role he plays in creating and scrutinizing the budget is also a key function, “You’ve heard the phrase, ‘budget driven strategy.’ Well, it’s the other way around. It’s a strategy driven budget, because if you don’t think about how you want to allocate your resources, you have no strategy.” Having served as a senior Senate staff member, Deputy Secretary Lynn counseled the delegates to try to spend time working on Capitol Hill saying it would provide a “great gateway to other jobs in public service.” The Deputy Secretary took many questions from the students on subjects ranging from military and diplomatic relations with China, North Korea and Yemen to the pros and cons of a conscription-based military and the evolution of the ‘Don’t Ask Don’t Tell’ policy.



[center] Brigadier General Sutton being thanked by California delegate Michael Lai; [bottom] Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs Douglas Wilson with Department of Defense Education Activity delegates Joshua Jones (L) and Michael Zachau Walker (R)

ANNUAL USSYP AMBASSADOR LUNCH

“Mahatma Gandhi, who was the leader of our freedom struggle, said that a nonviolent approach to our cause for independence was superior to violence because it had the possibility of changing the mind of the oppressor.”

—INDIAN AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES MEERA SHANKAR

The United States Senate Youth Program annual Ambassador Luncheon was keyed by Indian Ambassador to the U.S. Meera Shankar who described her country as “a very ancient civilization, stretching for more than 5,000 years before Christ, but also a very young nation because we became independent in 1947.” Drawing comparisons between the United States and India, she noted that both are geographically large with very large and diverse populations – there are over 18 official languages in India – and both are democratic. “A democratic India becomes a stabilizing anchor in a region beset with extremism and which is fairly volatile,” Ambassador Shankar highlighted. She noted the bond between the two nations, saying, “Our constitution makers were inspired by the best that they saw all over the world, and they also imbibed from the U.S. example. I think the guarantee of fundamental rights and freedoms in the Constitution owes very much to the example of the U.S. Constitution.” A primer on Indian internal political structures and politics followed, as the students took copious notes. When asked how India has

prevented religious extremism, and in particular violent Islamic fundamentalism, Ambassador Shankar harkened to India’s history of non-violence and tolerance for religious diversity, “It was a more diverse culture, and that left its imprint in the way Islam was practiced in the subcontinent.” Looking to the future, the Ambassador expects India’s strong economic growth to continue and for India to become one of the biggest economies in the world, “driven not on an export-oriented model but basically on the expansion of domestic demand and domestic investment.” The Ambassador then graciously answered many questions from the delegates about India’s national security improvements following the Mumbai bombings, the negative and positive influence of British colonial rule, India’s system of universal education and the rights of the lowest in the caste system. “Our relationship with the United States has become much stronger. President Obama has characterized it as one of the defining relationships of the 21st century, and our Prime Minister has characterized it as being a relationship which comprises both principles and pragmatism.”

Ambassador Shankar greets Georgia delegates Nikhil Lakhanpal (L) and Jeremiah Stevens (R)





“You are stars, you are achievers, you are leaders, but don’t forget the word ‘humility.’” —BRIAN LAMB, FOUNDER OF C-SPAN

Turning the Grand Ballroom of the Mayflower Hotel into a self-styled television studio, Brian Lamb, President, CEO and founder of the C-SPAN networks roamed among the students, microphone in hand, to gather their perspectives on Washington Week 2010. As the students recounted their many favorite moments of the week and why, Mr. Lamb interspersed his own experiences of living, working and succeeding in Washington. The founder of the only communications service to telecast live, unedited proceedings of the House and Senate in session, he recalled his early years as a young public affairs officer at the Pentagon where he also was assigned as a military social aide in the Johnson White House. After overhearing President Johnson reveal military strategy plans during a meeting with an outside group, Mr. Lamb was later shocked to hear the official Pentagon position denying the

President’s statement. “One of the reasons that C-SPAN is there today is because of those kinds of experiences. They literally denied that the President had ever said it. I heard it.” The students explored the many aspects of their experiences, each reflecting on key impressions made by the speakers, and the vibrant exchange of ideas flourishing among themselves. Mr. Lamb encouraged the delegates to go home and thank their parents, teachers and mentors for helping to make their success possible, and to tell the story of what they had seen and learned during USSYP. “But remember,” the media pioneer advised, “The more humble you are about what your accomplishments have been, the more likely people are going to listen to you, and the more likely people are going to want to hear your story.”

“Your generation consumes information over the course of a day a little bit at a time but from a wider, more broad, more global perspective than was ever available before.” —GARRETT GRAFF, EDITOR, *THE WASHINGTONIAN* MAGAZINE

Rising media star and USSYP alumnus Garrett Graff (VT – 1999) engaged the delegates in a scintillating discussion about the impact of social media and new internet-based technologies on the future of journalism, information consumption, and the ramifications for society at large. Currently serving as editor for the Washingtonian magazine, Mr. Graff is the youngest editor of a major magazine in the country and represented the state of Vermont at the USSYP only eleven years ago. “I think the rise of open source technology and open source information is a force for good here, abroad, and virtually every place that we have seen this revolution play out,” Mr. Graff said, “but at the same time we are in an era where as people who care about democracy and an informed citizenry, we face a challenge unlike almost anything else that we’ve seen in our country’s history.” Mr. Graff, who authored a book

on the technology revolution behind the 2008 presidential campaign and was also the first accredited blogger to cover the White House, counseled the delegates to read the New Yorker magazine in addition to any other news they consume during the day. Answering a question on the globalization of internet communications he prophesized that unless Americans become more proficient in other languages “larger and larger parts of the Internet will be walled off to us because we don’t value multilingual abilities.” Although he acknowledged large generational divides in the usage of new technologies, Mr. Graff dismissed the notion that Facebook, Twitter and blogs have ‘dumbed down’ the young generation of communicators, “right now, I think that we are actually in a very profound intellectual moment . . . an era that I call the ‘Age of Open.’”

[below right] Mr. Graff with Vermont delegates Mathew Breuer (L) and Kyle Weinreich





ART, CULTURE AND LEARNING ABOUT PHILANTHROPY IN AMERICA

Not just the political epicenter, the nation's capital also holds unparalleled artistic offerings and the 2010 delegates were able to partake in several very special ways. A docent-led tour of the National Gallery of Art's West Wing followed a brief lecture and Q and A session about the origins of the museum through the gift of great American philanthropist Andrew Mellon and

the joint resolution of Congress that maintains the collection for the American people. Later that evening, the group enjoyed dinner and a concert at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts where they heard the National Symphony Orchestra perform the Verdi Requiem.

[top row center] National Gallery of Art Director Earl Powell, III speaks to the students

THE OUTSTANDING 2010 MILITARY MENTOR TEAM

Led by Major Timothy Thurston, USSYP Senior Mentor Officer, and Captain John Bissell, USSYP Assistant Senior Mentor Officer.

[below - left to right] Major Peter Epton, USMC; Lieutenant Sean Riordan, USN; Major Todd Randolph, USAF; Captain Damien Jacobs, USMC; Major Otis Hooper, USANG; Lieutenant Adolfo Viezca, USCG; Captain Constance Quinlan, USA; Captain John Bissell, USA; Deputy Secretary of Defense William Lynn III; Major Timothy Thurston, USAF; Captain Duilia Mora, USAF; Lieutenant Junior Grade Sarah Janaro, USCG; Major Matthew Gumlak, USA; Major Anthony Krockel, USMC; Captain Jamie Davis, USNG; Lieutenant Richlyn Neal, USN; Lieutenant Michael Courtney, USCG; First Lieutenant Latisha Balance, USA







HONORS FROM THEIR SENATORS

A majority of Senators came to honor and congratulate their student delegates and personally present them with their \$5,000 college scholarship certificate at the 48th Annual USSYP Senate Reception.

2010 SENATE RECEPTION ATTENDEES



ALABAMA

Senator Jeff Sessions with Jefferson Shelton and Kathryn Crenshaw



CONNECTICUT

Senator Christopher Dodd with Matthew Topitzer and Derell Wilson



ALASKA

Senator Lisa Murkowski with Anum Qadir and Haley Nelson



DELAWARE

Senator Thomas Carper with Abby Walter and Brent Ashley



ALASKA

Senator Mark Begich with Haley Nelson and Anum Qadir



DELAWARE

Senator Ted Kaufman with Abby Walter and Brent Ashley



ARIZONA

Senator Jon Kyl with Sean Gormley and Vitas Zukowski



FLORIDA

Senator George LeMieux with Darryl Long and Rejerio Burton



ARKANSAS

Senator Blanche Lincoln with KenDrell Collins and Jordan Hannink



GEORGIA

Senator Saxby Chambliss with Jeremiah Stevens and Nikhil Lakhanpal



ARKANSAS

Senator Mark Pryor with KenDrell Collins and Jordan Hannink



GEORGIA

Senator Johnny Isakson with Nikhil Lakhanpal and Jeremiah Stevens



HAWAII

Senator Daniel Akaka with Devin Chu and Jonathan Davis



MAINE

Senator Olympia Snowe with Paul Elish and Karl (Eliot) Douin



IDAHO

Senator Jim Risch with Mallory Brugger and Jacob Wade



MAINE

Senator Susan Collins with Paul Elish and Karl (Eliot) Douin



ILLINOIS

Senator Roland Burris with Sidanth Sapru and Haley Jones



MARYLAND

Senator Barbara Mikulski with Michael Zachau Walker, Gabriela Perla and Daniel Arias



INDIANA

Senator Evan Bayh with Madeleine Clark and Millicent Cripe



MARYLAND

Senator Ben Cardin with Gabriela Perla, Michael Zachau Walker and Daniel Arias



IOWA

Senator Chuck Grassley with Dillon Malone and Michael Craighton



MASSACHUSETTS

Senator Scott Brown with Pierre Joseph and Gregory Savageau



LOUISIANA

Senator David Vitter with Jessica Salley and Jarrod Jackson



MICHIGAN

Senator Carl Levin with Gabriel Casey and Andrew Stinavage



MINNESOTA

Senator Amy Klobuchar with Iman Fears and Hahn Chang



NEBRASKA

Senator Ben Nelson with Molly Storm and Jonathan Larson



MINNESOTA

Senator Al Franken with Iman Fears and Hahn Chang



NEBRASKA

Senator Mike Johanns with Molly Storm and Jonathan Larson



MISSOURI

Senator Christopher S. "Kit" Bond with Rajiv Tarigopula and Jacob Nicholson



NEW HAMPSHIRE

Senator Judd Gregg with Nicholas Mignanelli and Allison Cormier



MISSISSIPPI

Senator Thad Cochran with Allison Taylor and Matthew McDonald



NEW HAMPSHIRE

Senator Jeanne Shaheen with Nicholas Mignanelli and Allison Cormier



MISSISSIPPI

Senator Roger Wicker with Allison Taylor and Matthew McDonald



NEW JERSEY

Senator Robert Menendez with Patrick MacLane and Eric Wei



MONTANA

Senator Jon Tester with Dylan Klapmeier and Timothy Seery



NEW MEXICO

Senator Jeff Bingaman with Carrico Torres and Dominick Viramontes



NEW MEXICO

Senator Tom Udall with Dominick Viramontes and Carrico Torres



OREGON

Senator Jeff Merkley with Karli Olsen and Loren Jessen



NORTH CAROLINA

Senator Richard Burr with Prashanth Kamalakanthan and Jordan Paschal



PENNSYLVANIA

Senator Arlen Specter with Anna Maria Garuccio and John Pope



NORTH CAROLINA

Senator Kay Hagan with Prashanth Kamalakanthan and Jordan Paschal



PENNSYLVANIA

Senator Robert Casey with Anna Maria Garuccio and John Pope



NORTH DAKOTA

Senator Byron Dorgan with John Mitzel and Adam Swigost



RHODE ISLAND

Senator Jack Reed with Joseph Sacks and Grace Keating



OHIO

Senator George Voinovich with Christopher Liebold and Joseph Bizjak



RHODE ISLAND

Senator Sheldon Whitehouse with Grace Keating and Joseph Sacks



OKLAHOMA

Senator Tom Coburn with Abbee Cox and Hunter Brunwald



SOUTH CAROLINA

Senator Jim DeMint with Steven Vanderlip and Sophia Jones



SOUTH DAKOTA

Senator Tim Johnson with Sarah Day and Jeffrey Young



UTAH

Senator Robert Bennett with Sidney Bell and Dixon Li



SOUTH DAKOTA

Senator John Thune with Jeffrey Young and Sarah Day



VERMONT

Senator Patrick Leahy with Matthew Breuer and Kyle Weinreich



TENNESSEE

Senator Lamar Alexander with Grant Davis and Jeremy Stevens



WYOMING

Senator Mike Enzi with Ian Hitchcock and Brandon Rosty



TENNESSEE

Senator Bob Corker with Jeremy Stevens and Grant Davis



WYOMING

Senator John Barrasso with Brandon Rosty and Ian Hitchcock



A ROUSING FAREWELL PERFORMANCE ON THE FINAL EVENING

Washington Week tradition gives two student delegates, who have been selected by their peers, an opportunity to provide farewell remarks for the group. Delegate Haley Jones of Illinois teamed up with delegate Hahn Chang of Minnesota to give one of the most creative farewell night performances in USSYP

history. The 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.



*Mr. Steven Pophal
President, National Association
of Secondary School Principals*



*Dr. Tony Webster
Mississippi Department
of Education*

DISTINGUISHED EDUCATORS JOIN DELGATES 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. The program thanks our partners in education for all that they do to support the student selection process.



IN THEIR OWN WORDS

The journey across the Pacific Ocean and continental United States was long to say the least, but even the vast distance from Hilo, Hawaii to Washington D.C. could not quell my excitement. My heart raced as the plane landed at Dulles International Airport. I was finally here. Things only got better as we met the people that ran our country, and each person left an unforgettable impression. Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor revealed her humble, caring soul as she casually talked to us while seated on a table and leaning on the backrest of a chair. The Senate Parliamentarian explained the enormous impact his decisions have on our nation, and he admitted that at times he is overwhelmed by his job. Even our president, Barack Obama, expressed that at the end of the day he always takes time to be a loving father to his children. I had never dreamed that I would meet such influential people of the world, let alone share question-and-answer sessions with them. Before this program, I used to believe that Washington was a place occupied by tough-skinned individuals who were indifferent to the American people. As it turns out, we're all human.

— **DEVIN CHU, USSYP 2010, HI**

My generation is going to lead our nation in a pivotal moment in its history. In Washington, the most powerful people in the country met with our group. Their demeanor did not reflect their superiority over us, but instead it reflected their hope in us. They understood what we did not at the time, that we would be the ones to fill their shoes. We must be educated and trained on how to advance our country and the world. The Hearst Foundations and the United States Senate Youth Program did just that. It told us that leadership is not position; it is action.

— **JOSEPH SACKS, USSYP 2010, RI**

Early on in the week, we had the privilege to meet with Justice Sonia Sotomayor of the Supreme Court. She waltzed into the room, cheerily greeting us, saying that rather than speaking to us, she wanted to speak with us. We then had an hour of Q&A with a Supreme Court Justice. I asked about the difference between justice and the law, others asked for advice or about her background. The experience was surreal. More than anything I'll take away, Justice Sotomayor simply seemed to glow internally. She carefully thought out everything she said, giving answers that truly befit a "wise Latina." Although I may not always agree with her decisions, I will always know that while she's on the bench, she is doing her utmost to make wise decisions for my country.

— **SIDNEY BELL, USSYP 2010, UT**

The United States Youth Senate Program was the single best experience in my life. As fortunate as I had been to be a part of so many wonderful experiences prior to Washington Week, the program put on by The Hearst Foundations changed me so profoundly that I cannot imagine having not attended.

— **MATTHEW BREUER, USSYP 2010, VT**

"Don't spend your time thinking about what you want to be; spend your time thinking about what you want to do," said President Barack Obama. BEST. ADVICE. EVER.

— **HUNTER BRUNWALD, USSYP 2010, OK**

The memorials were also very touching; I was especially moved by the Korean and Vietnam War Memorials. Having the opportunity to spend time there, accompanied by members of our military, was amazing. In that moment, appreciation for those brave men and women who have served, and are serving, our country flooded through me and I will not ever be the same. I also loved the Newseum; it was a great start to the week and got me thinking about how influential the media is in our society. The Pulitzer Prize photos were especially impressive to me. Upon entering that gallery there is a quote that says, "If it makes you laugh, if it makes you cry, if it rips out your heart, that's a good picture." This was said by Eddie Adams, a Pulitzer Prize-winning photographer. That proved to be very true, and was characteristic of several events throughout the week.

— **MALLORY BRUGGER, USSYP 2010, ID**

The most striking event for me was visiting Arlington National Cemetery. The chilly rain perfectly captured our mood that day. I cried twice during USSYP, on the last morning and as I walked through Arlington with Allison Taylor (MS) as we examined the gravestones of mere teenagers who had died for their country. As we walked through it struck me that these boys, who were only a few years older than me, died for an imperfect country. However, they sacrificed themselves for our country's perfect ideals. This really brought home to me the idea of service that had been instilled within us throughout the week.

— **HAHN CHANG, USSYP 2010, MN**



On Saturday evening, entering a room containing 103 other politically inclined students with incredibly differing opinions, I was lingering near the exits, certain that a riot would break out at any moment. I could not have been more wrong. Justice Sotomayor spoke to us about the difference between passion and anger in debate, and our class truly embodied the former. Though our class contained every belief on the political spectrum, I never once heard a personal attack or a disrespectful comment. In short, though we will never agree on healthcare reform or campaign finance, we are united by our political activism and dedication to public service, not to mention the countless incredible memories we now share.

— **ABBEE COX, USSYP 2010, OK**

The overall impression I will take from that week in March will be how a very diverse group of teenagers from around the country were able to come together and bond. Though the group often had differing ideologies, political backgrounds, and beliefs, it did not prevent them from becoming close friends. All were inspired to make the world a better place. That cooperation and respect is what our country needs in its future and is what I will strive for in mine.

— **JONATHON LARSON, USSYP 2010, NE**

Another irreplaceable experience was delegate interactions with the military mentors. My military mentor, Major Randolph, had a profound effect on the purpose of my life. His story about escaping the destructive influences of inner city Baltimore helped me find the issue in the United States that I am going to strive to correct for the rest of my life: education. While Major Randolph helped me find my hidden passion for education reform, the military mentors allowed us to see a side of our servicemen that we usually don't see. Whether it was discussing movies with Major Upton or dancing with the military mentors on the last evening, getting a chance to informally interact with these professional, esteemed people was a great experience in itself.

— **DARRYL LONG, USSYP 2010, FL**

On Saturday, March 6, I got on a plane. A week later on Saturday, March 13, I was on a return flight. On the return flight I was far more tired and the people around me were subjected to the sight of me asleep on a plane, mouth ajar and everything. The biggest difference, however, was not in the flight itself, but in the young man who got back on the plane. I left Grand Junction with the unfounded paradigms presented on my nightly news stations: that there was no hope in American politics and that the endless bickering between each party would tear our nation apart. I left Washington D.C. with a renewed optimism characterized by my faith in America's leaders and a trust in the future leaders of this country.

— **AXEL URIE, USSYP 2010, CO**

Among speakers, I valued Indian Ambassador Shankar and Supreme Court Justice Sotomayor the most. Ambassador Shankar offered a broad-minded, hopeful but practical worldview that I can only hope to possess as an adult, and Justice Sotomayor represents all the good that can come out of our uniquely American system, provided a liberal amount of hard work is put into it. Both speakers gave profound advice and experience to all of us delegates, and I appreciate them wholeheartedly for it.

— **JACOB NICHOLSON, USSYP 2010, MO**

An interesting feeling that I'd like to think most people are familiar with would be the sensation of waking up due to the ring of an alarm or wake-up call and trying to piece together your immediate thoughts and setting. There is something special about these few seconds of confusion when you realize, "Oh, I'm in Washington D.C." There is something even more special when you realize, "Oh, I'm meeting the President today."

— **NATHAN TAUGER, USSYP 2010, WV**

Brian Lamb, President and CEO of C-SPAN, said it best: "HUMILITY." Washington Week was the most humbling experience of my life. I will not hold in vain the knowledge I gained from the various speakers. I will never forget the lessons in leadership from the President. I shall not regress from the wider perspective I gained from my fellow delegates about the issues facing the nation. I went to Washington, D.C. to become a better leader; I returned home with the knowledge, the understanding, and the humility which make a true leader.

— ZHAN OKUDA-LIM, USSYP 2010, NV

We were geographically, religiously, racially and politically diverse, from schools public and private, parochial and international. And while we disagreed on policy or on politics, we were still friends, and we still shared common principles and common goals. The American values which have so long sustained our country, unified our group — within hours of arriving, many of us were openly debating the latest Supreme Court cases, healthcare reform and President Obama's first fourteen months in office.

— JOSH RUBIN, USSYP 2010, NY

We got to listen to and direct questions towards the people that run our country, and in doing so, got to know them not just as politicians, justices, and government advisors, but as people. We heard about Justice Sotomayor's occasional feelings of uncertainty in various Supreme Court cases, as well as the motivation for Senator Casey's anti-abortion views despite the opinions of many in his party. For me, this just made the world of politics seem so much more tangible, and so much more authentic. Because in the end, politics really is about more than elections, policies, and media coverage; it's about real, everyday people striving to make a difference in our country, even if they sometimes disagree about how best to do that.

— SIDANTH SAPRU, USSYP 2010, IL

The notebook that we all recorded our week's experiences in is a tangible form of the figurative notebook that every individual in America is afforded to record their experiences, make their impact, and write the first draft of their lives pursuing the dream that is America.

— TIMOTHY SEERY, USSYP 2010, MT

The delegates from the USSYP Class of 2010 have been given the opportunities necessary for success, but this success is not determined by money, power, or prestige. The true goal for every American citizen is to find happiness in the knowledge that his or her life has made a difference in this world, and this is exactly what the United States Senate Youth Program has inspired us to do.

— ADAM SWIGOST, USSYP 2010, ND

Yes, there are frustrations running wildly about the country. Yes, there are those whose pessimistic outlook stains the country. Yes, there are the petty disagreements and the disregard for important issues. But, after this week, I found myself clinging on to a sliver of hope. A hope defined by my fellow delegates. I saw educated, high-velocity students who already are making an impact in our world. I saw excitement and vitality in my fellow delegates as they met important political figures of our time. Seeing them inspired and ready for action renewed my lost hope for our representative democracy. I saw the future of the United States of America, and am now confident in saying that the United States will have a lot to offer the world in the next generation. My hope and confidence in democracy has been renewed.

— CARRICO TORRES, USSYP 2010, NM

Being in the political capital of the world, constantly surrounded by reminders of our living history, being with the helmsmen (and women) of our democracy are all potent inspirations, motivating us towards a life of public service. Meeting with people like President Barack Obama, Justice Sonia Sotomajor, and the plethora of other important figures, is truly the most powerful thing youth can experience to be motivated to enter public service. Simply being surrounded by the magnificent symbols of our living history is enough to conjure a sense of awe in our minds.

— VITAS ZUKOWSKI, USSYP 2010, AZ



Our charge is to make sure that America's light burns bright under our guidance. The 104 of us must look forward into the future and lead America into the wild blue yonder of the 21st Century. Our task as USSYP alumni is not a task for the faint of heart, but we have each other, and we have no choice. So long as we remember what we were given in this program, and where we came from, we will be successful. From my perspective, America has little to worry about in a lack of leadership, because I spent a week with the next great leaders of our age.

— GRANT DAVIS, USSYP 2010, TN





DELEGATES TOURED HISTORIC SITES IN THE NATION'S CAPITAL



[opposite page - top] the Tidal Basin at the Jefferson Memorial; [left] the Smithsonian American Art Museum; [center] Arlington National Cemetery; [bottom] The Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial

[this page - top left] The Lincoln Memorial; [top right] The Newseum; [bottom] The Korean War Memorial





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Haley Nelson
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John McCain



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Barbara Boxer



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Rena Wang
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Institute



Darryl Long, Jr.
North Broward
Preparatory School

GEORGIA



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Saxby Chambliss



Senator
Johnny Isakson



Nikhil Lakhanpal
Gwinnett School of
Mathematics, Science,
and Technology



Jeremiah Stevens
Northwest Whitfield
High School

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Senator
Pat Roberts



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High School

KENTUCKY



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Mitch McConnell



Senator
Jim Bunning



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Harry Reid



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John Ensign



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Zhan Okuda-Lim
Valley High School

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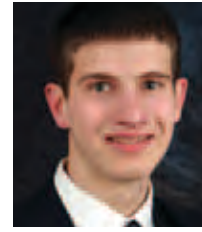
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For 48 years, the United States Senate Youth Program has brought thousands of America's brightest young students to Washington, returning them home with insight into their heritage and scholarships to further their education. Each year the students 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 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 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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