

# WASHINGTON WEEK 2025

## AGENDA

### SATURDAY, MARCH 1

12:30 pm	Arrival of Delegates and Welcome Day Lunch Buffet Grand Ballroom of The Mayflower Hotel
2:00 pm	U.S. Senate Youth Alumni Association Mentoring Tables
3:30 pm	United States Senate Youth Alumni Association (USSYAA) Speaker: USSYAA President TAYLOR OSTER (ND – 2012)
4:00 pm	Welcome: DONNA KALAJIAN LAGANI Co-Executive Director, The Hearst Foundations
4:15 pm	BILL DOHERTY Interactive Session Co-Founder, Braver Angels
6:30 pm	Dinner buffet Grand Ballroom <i>(Announcements and Mentor Group Introductions 7:15pm)</i>

### SUNDAY, MARCH 2

8:30 am	Breakfast buffet Grand Ballroom of The Mayflower Hotel
9:45 am	Board coaches for: GEORGE WASHINGTON’S MOUNT VERNON
10:30 am	Introduction and Tour of Mount Vernon Museum Speaker: JEREMY RAY Sr. Director of Interpretation, Mount Vernon
12:30 pm	Board coaches for THE SMITHSONIAN AMERICAN ART MUSEUM – The National Portrait Gallery
1:15 pm	Lunch in the Kogod Courtyard of the National Portrait Gallery
2:00 pm	Self-guided visit of the museum
3:30 pm	Coaches return to The Mayflower Hotel
6:30 pm	Welcome Dinner Grand Ballroom of The Mayflower Hotel INTRODUCTION OF MILITARY MENTOR TEAM Musical Performance: Herbie Hancock Institute of Jazz Student Ensemble

### MONDAY, MARCH 3

7:15 am	Breakfast buffet Grand Ballroom of The Mayflower Hotel Speaker: BRIAN KAMOIE (USSYP – PA 1989) Managing Director, Cyber & Strategic Risk, Deloitte Former DHS Distinguished Chair of Leadership, U.S. Naval Academy
9:30 am	Board coaches for: THE RUSSELL SENATE OFFICE BUILDING Kennedy Caucus Room, SR-325
10:30 am	Speakers: JACKIE BARBER Secretary of the Senate  ELIZABETH MACDONOUGH Senate Parliamentarian

12:00 pm	Group enters THE MADISON BUILDING of the LIBRARY OF CONGRESS
12:30 pm	SENATE HISTORIAN LUNCHEON Montpelier Room, 6th floor Welcome: CARLA HAYDEN Librarian of Congress  Speaker: KATHERINE SCOTT Senate Historian
2:30 pm	Arrival at: THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES
3:45 pm	Speaker: BRETT KAVANAUGH Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States
5:15 pm	Coaches return to The Mayflower Hotel
6:30 pm	Presentation of Colors and Dinner Grand Ballroom of The Mayflower Hotel JOINT ARMED FORCES COLOR GUARD THE OLD GUARD FIFE & DRUM CORPS Speaker: SENATOR JEANNE SHAHEEN of New Hampshire Democratic Co-Chair of the 63 <sup>RD</sup> Annual United States Senate Youth Program

### TUESDAY, MARCH 4

7:15 am	Breakfast buffet Grand Ballroom Room of The Mayflower Hotel
8:00 am	Board coaches for THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES
8:45 am	Tour and private viewing of THE FOUNDING CHARTERS
10:00 am	Welcome and overview of The National Archives The McGowan Theater Speaker: SENIOR ADVISOR JAMES BYRON
11:00 am	Board coaches for THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE
12:30 pm	Luncheon in THE BENJAMIN FRANKLIN STATE DINING ROOM  Speakers: MARCO RUBIO Secretary of State  MICHELE EXNER Senior Bureau Official for Global Public Affairs  PHILIP LAIDLAW Acting Senior Bureau Official for Legislative Affairs
3:30 pm	Monuments tour, THE NATIONAL MALL
5:00 pm	Board coaches for THE U.S. INSTITUTE OF PEACE (USIP)
5:45 pm	USSYP ANNUAL AMBASSADOR DINNER George P. Shultz Great Hall Speaker: AMBASSADOR GEORGE MOOSE Acting President and CEO, USIP
6:30 pm	Speaker: ANA LUISA FAJER Ambassador and Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of Mexico in the U.S.
8:15 pm	Board coaches return to The Mayflower Hotel
9:00 pm	Viewing of The Presidential Joint Address to Congress Grand Ballroom of The Mayflower Hotel

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5

7:30 am	Breakfast buffet Grand Ballroom of The Mayflower Hotel
8:30 am	Board coaches for NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINSTRATION (NASA)
9:00 am	NASA KEYNOTE SPEAKER AND SCIENTIFIC PANEL James E. Webb Memorial Auditorium Speakers: CASEY SWAILS Deputy Associate Administrator, NASA  CREW 71 EXPEDITION ASTRONAUTS  SCIENTIFIC EXPERT PANEL
12:00 pm	Board coaches for the Mayflower Hotel
12:30 pm	JOURNALIST LUNCHEON The Grand Ballroom of the Mayflower Hotel Speaker: RYAN NOBLES Chief Capitol Hill Correspondent, NBC News
3:30 pm	Board coaches for Peace Circle
4:45 pm	ANNUAL RECEPTION FOR SENATORS & DELEGATES Kennedy Caucus Room, SR-325 Hosts: SENATOR THOM TILLIS of North Carolina SENATOR JEANNE SHAHEEN of New Hampshire  Co-Chairs for the 63 <sup>RD</sup> Annual United States Senate Youth Program
7:15 pm	Board coaches for The Mayflower Hotel
8:00 pm	Informal Dinner – Farewell Speaker Nominations District Ballroom of The Mayflower Hotel <i>(casual attire)</i>

### THURSDAY, MARCH 6

8:00 am	Breakfast buffet Grand Ballroom of The Mayflower Hotel
9:00 am	Board coaches for Peace Circle
10:00 am	Tour of THE CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER and THE SENATE GALLERY
11:15 am	Group walks to the HART SENATE OFFICE BUILDING
12:00 pm	SENATOR PERSPECTIVE LUNCH and USSYP ALUM ON THE HILL SH-Room 902 Speakers: SENATOR AMY KLOBUCHAR (D-MN)  USSYP ALUM ON THE HILL STEVE ABBOTT (USSYP – ME 1981) Chief of Staff, Senator Susan Collins (R-ME)
3:15 pm	Board coaches for THE WHITE HOUSE
3:45 pm	TOUR OF THE EXECUTIVE MANSION AND MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT
5:30 pm	Board coaches for The Mayflower Hotel
6:30 pm	SENATE CO-CHAIR DINNER Grand Ballroom of The Mayflower Hotel Speaker: SENATOR THOM TILLIS of North Carolina Republican Co-Chair of the 63rd Annual United States Senate Youth Program

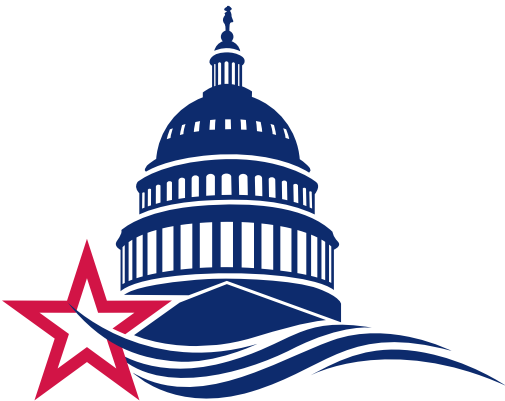
### FRIDAY, MARCH 7

8:00 am	Breakfast buffet Grand Ballroom of The Mayflower Hotel
8:30 am	Speaker: LINDA ROTH Chief Communications Officer World Central Kitchen
10:00 am	Board coaches for ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY
11:15 am	Ceremony at THE TOMB OF THE UNKNOWN
11:30 am	Board coaches for THE PENTAGON
12:30 pm	Lunch at THE PENTAGON
1:30 pm	Tour of THE PENTAGON
3:00 pm	PENTAGON SPEAKERS Pentagon Auditorium Speakers: PETE HEGSETH Secretary of Defense  SEAC TROY E. BLACK Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff  REAR ADM. PAUL SPEDERO Jr. Vice Director for Operations, J3
4:30 pm	Coaches return to The Mayflower Hotel
6:30 pm	FAREWELL DINNER Presentation of Colors and Farewell Dinner Grand Ballroom of The Mayflower Hotel JOINT ARMED FORCES COLOR GUARD THE UNITED STATES ARMY BAND ‘PERSHING’S OWN’  Student Farewell Speeches Flag folding ceremony and farewell slideshow
9:00 pm- Midnight	Dancing and Refreshments District Ballroom of The Mayflower Hotel

### SATURDAY, MARCH 8

5:00 am - 11:00 am	Departure of delegates Palm Court Ballroom of The Mayflower Hotel
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\* RESOLUTION 324 \*

On April 3, 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 State 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 Department of Defense education system for dependents in overseas areas.



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